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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Della Trumble, Chair
Paul Gunderson, Vice Chair
Gilda M. Shellikoff, Secretary
Pete Squartsoff
Alfred B. Cratty, Jr.
Speridan Simeonoff, Sr.
Richard M. Zacharof
Ivan Lukin
Michelle Chivers, Coordinator
David Burrows, Recorder

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (March 7, 2001 - Old Harbor, Alaska)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Everybody good morning
8 and thank you for coming and, at this time, maybe before we
9 call the meeting to order -- I'm sorry. We'll just go
10 ahead and call the meeting to order at this time. It's
11 11:10 a.m., March 7th. And if we could have a roll call by
12 the secretary?

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14 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Okay. Vincent Tutiakoff?
15 Pete Squartsoff?

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Here.

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19 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Alfred Cratty?

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21 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Here.

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23 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Della Trumble?

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Here.

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27 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Gilda Shellikoff is here.

28 Paul Gunderson?

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30 MR. GUNDERSON: Here.

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32 MS. SHELLIKOFF: John Foster? Speridan

33 Simeonoff?

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35 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Here.

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37 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Richard Zacharof?

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39 MR. ZACHAROF: Here.

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41 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Ivan Lukin?

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43 MR. LUKIN: Here.

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45 MS. SHELLIKOFF: We have a quorum.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. I'd like
48 to welcome everybody to our meeting today and thank
49 everybody for showing up and, maybe at this time, if we
50 basically can go through the council members and we'll

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1 start with Gilda and, you know, basically say from which
2 community you're from. And I would also like to maybe go
3 through the staff and the people in the audience and to let
4 us know who or what your position is and where you're from.
5 Okay, Gilda?

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7 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Okay. I'm Gilda
8 Shellikoff. I'm from False Pass. I'm the President of the
9 Tribal Council.

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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Pete Squartsoff; Port
12 Lions, Ouzinkie.

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14 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Al Cratty; Old Harbor.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Della Trumble, and I'm
17 from King Cove.

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19 MR. GUNDERSON: Paul Gunderson. I've been
20 the President of the Nelson Lagoon Corporation. Also, the
21 Chair of the Advisory Committee.

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23 MR. ZACHAROF: Richard Zacharof, President
24 of tribal government, St. Paul.

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26 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Speridan Simeonoff,
27 Akhiok.

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29 MR. LUKIN: Ivan Lukin, Port Lions.

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31 MS. EAKON: Helga Eakon. I'm Office of
32 Subsistence Management, Anchorage, and I am interagency
33 policy coordinator and today, at the request of staff, I'm
34 going to coordinate the meeting to give Michelle Chivers,
35 who's going to be your coordinator an opportunity to kind
36 of OJT -- on-the-job training.

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38 MS. CHIVERS: I'm Michelle Chivers, the
39 Kodiak Aleutians Regional Advisory Council coordinator.

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41 MR. PYLE: Bill Pyle, Kodiak Refuge Fish
42 and Wildlife Service, and I am the supervisor and wildlife
43 biologist -- a new position, and I've been here for five
44 months.

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46 MR. AZUYAK: Tony Azuyak, Old Harbor Tribal
47 Council.

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49 MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher, Fish and Wildlife
50 Service, Office of Subsistence Management in Anchorage.

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1 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pat Petrivelli, Office of
2 Subsistence Management anthropologist.

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4 MR. BOTHOS (ph): Larry Bothos (ph),
5 Office of Subsistence Management, and I'm a fishery
6 biologist newly hired this last fall and I'll be joining
7 Michelle and Dave and Pat as part of the team here for
8 Kodiak.

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10 MR. JENNINGS: Good morning. Tim Jennings,
11 Office of Subsistence Management. I'm the division chief
12 that supervises the staff.

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14 MR. STOVALL: Robert Stovall. I'm with the
15 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. I'm a wildlife biologist
16 and subsistence refuge coordinator.

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18 MR. PETERSON: I'm Jeff Peterson. I'm a
19 subsistence hunter, a year-round resident of Old Harbor.

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21 MR. NESTIK: Jim Nestik, Mayor of the City
22 of Old Harbor.

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24 MR. HAWKINSON, SR.: Swen Hawkinson, Sr.,
25 subsistence hunter; resident, Old Harbor.

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27 MR. DAVIS, SR.: George Davis, Sr., retired,
28 Old Harbor Native Corporation Council.

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30 MR. RICHARDSON: Ralph Richardson, Old
31 Harbor, subsistence user.

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33 MR. STANTON: John Stanton, Old Harbor
34 tribal member.

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36 MR. ANDREYVICH (ph): Patrick
37 Andreyvich (ph), subsistence user.

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39 MR. ANDREYVICH (ph): Herman Andreyvich
40 (ph), subsistence user.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you everyone.
43 Just a point: There's a green form on the table over here.
44 There's also materials, and if you want to testify on any
45 of the proposals please fill them out and write down which
46 proposal or which item that you would like to testify on.

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48 And, I guess, moving on, at this time it's
49 the review and adoption and agenda. Are there any items
50 that any Council member would like added to the agenda at

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1 this time? Paul?

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3 MR. GUNDERSON: I would like to submit some
4 materials and stuff that I brought from the bird
5 co-management plan. Some are along the way in this.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay, maybe under Item
8 F under Number 10? Migratory birds?

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10 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah. Basically, what it
11 is is information that I've got from the Migratory Bird
12 Co-Management Council that I attended two weeks ago.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Under what?

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Item F, under Number
19 10 -- it's agency reports, but it's -- okay.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, I've got F, and F is
22 statewide rural determination process. You have a
23 different agenda than us.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Well, it's got
26 an a, b, c, d, f, g, h, and then it's got b -- oh, I see.
27 So, it's a and through h, so it's b, c, d, e, f.

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29 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Yeah, there it is.

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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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33 MS. SHELLIKOFF: See, you've got a
34 subnumber on it.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That's b.

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: It's 10b.

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF: 10b. Oh, I see. Okay.

43 Okay.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other items.

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47 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I'd like to read out this
48 proposal for FY 2002 for the people of Old Harbor on the
49 feasibility study of the early sockeye run somewhere down
50 the line.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Item Number H -- f, g
2 -- wait, no, it's g. I'm getting lost now.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, that's right after
5 that one.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I don't know. See,
8 you've got -- what this is, it's a, b -- these are some
9 under a. This is a, b, c, d, e.

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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh, okay.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You got it?

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We got you.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah. For Item G
18 under 10.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's f and then g.

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22 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other Council
23 members?

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25 We had a get-together a little prior to
26 this meeting. Under any other new business, Item A, I
27 would like to add the Kodiak and Izembek Refuge CCP. Item
28 B, under 11, new business is reports from refuge managers.
29 I realize that the reports are on the agenda, but this is
30 in reference to written reports. And I think Item C --
31 both Paul and I attended the Chairs' meeting after the
32 workshop we all attended in Anchorage, and we can give a
33 report on who was appointed to what committee and what the
34 process was there.

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Just Chair meeting under
37 C?

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39 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes, 11C. We kind of
40 talked a little bit about the C&T determination process,
41 and we'd like to discuss that also.

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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So, that'll be D?

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Item Number D. Are
46 there any other items at this time? Hearing none....

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I move to adopt as
49 amended.

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1 MR. GUNDERSON: Second.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Pete
4 Squartsoff, second by Gilda Shellikoff. The call for
5 question?

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7 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Question.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
10 by saying aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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16 (No opposing responses)

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Item
19 Number 5 on the agenda is the review and adoption of
20 minutes of October 1st, 2000 meeting in Cold Bay. Do I
21 hear a motion to approve the minutes?

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23 MR. GUNDERSON: I so move.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Paul
26 Gunderson.

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28 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Richard
31 Zacharof. Discussion? Call for question?

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33 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor, signify
36 by saying aye.

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38 IN UNISON: Aye.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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42 (No opposing responses)

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. The
45 next item on our agenda is 805 letter, December 5th and
46 6th, 2000 FSB Fisheries meeting, Tab C. I believe, Tim,
47 that this is an informational item. We don't need to take
48 action or anything on this, do we?

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50 MR. JENNINGS: (Inaudible reply)

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. There is one
2 part of this letter I'd like to discuss, and that is
3 Proposal Number 43. At the statewide meeting -- when I had
4 talked to Mark Olsen the night before, prior to this
5 meeting, he maintained at the time to just table this or
6 drop this proposal. I also at the time talked to Al
7 Cratty. And, when this came up at the Board, they had
8 agreed at the time to defer the proposal until Mr. Olsen or
9 the Council can submit a fisheries proposal under State
10 regulatory cycle. So, I think just as a point is if the
11 Council or someone wants to do something with this, we make
12 want to work on this prior to us leaving. Otherwise, we
13 make take actions to table the item indefinitely. Is there
14 any.....

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16 MR. LUKIN: Okay. Why did he decide to
17 table it?

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Basically, he felt
20 that the proposal was changed too much that it didn't
21 reflect what he really wanted, and he was a little upset
22 about it. And it may be that I can get back with Mark and
23 get a copy of that proposal to him and try to go through it
24 again, or maybe Michelle can, to find out whether there's
25 something else that can be done with the proposal and that
26 be re-submitted. Paul?

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28 MR. GUNDERSON: I believe that one of the
29 things was that there was some of the stuff that were
30 spelled out under State regs and some that were spelled out
31 under Federal regs. Then they contradict one another.
32 But, it did lay out some type of platform for them to look
33 at, and some of the things that he wanted to cover was
34 already covered under State regs.

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, this distance
37 between nets was not under State regs. There is no
38 distance, and the reason Mark had this proposal put in --
39 or he put it in -- was because of the Buskin River area
40 only because of non-local people or new people coming into
41 fish and not realizing what local people usually respect
42 other people and don't come put a net right in front of
43 your net, but there's people in Kodiak that are doing this.
44 If you have a net out there, say 7:00 in the morning,
45 somebody else comes out at 8:00 o'clock and puts their net
46 near -- put a wall away from yours, blocking out your fish.
47 That was why he put in this proposal, but I didn't know he
48 wanted to table it.

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50 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think what was

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1 mentioned, also, was that the Kodiak Advisory Council.....

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: They were against it.

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5 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:was against it.

6 They felt that there was not a user conflict issue. But,
7 you know, if the Council would like maybe a little more
8 work..... Excuse me, Tim, go ahead.

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10 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, Madam Chair. Tim
11 Jennings, Office of Subsistence Management. If you'll look
12 on the letter there on the second page, under the third
13 paragraph addressing Proposal 43, one of the primary
14 reasons why the Board decided to defer this proposal is
15 there's joint jurisdiction there with the State. It's
16 Federal waters, but currently, also, State users also can
17 participate in the fishery. And, because the State doesn't
18 have a regulation which maintains a minimum distance
19 between nets, the enforceability of a Federal regulation to
20 do that would be difficult because people could fish under
21 either Federal regulations or they could say, well, I'm
22 fishing under State regulations.

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24 The other part of it was that if the
25 Federal Board passed this regulation, the Federal
26 regulations would in effect be more restrictive on
27 subsistence users than the State regulations. And so
28 that's why the Board wanted to defer this proposal, to go
29 back to see if Mr. Olsen or the Council wanted to submit a
30 proposal before the State Board of Fisheries to address
31 this issue. And the Federal Board wanted to take this up
32 in conjunction with the State process. That's the heart of
33 the issue.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah, and that process
36 -- if this does comes up, and if we want to do something
37 with this, we can work on it or adopt it at our Council
38 meeting in the fall, and it would go to the fisheries in
39 probably December at the statewide meeting. Is that
40 correct?

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42 MR. JENNINGS: The fisheries' proposal
43 would be taken up again. If this proposal is reactivated
44 for the Federal system, we would discuss it at the fall
45 meeting, and the Federal Board could again look at it at
46 the December meeting. And I'm not familiar with what the
47 State process for Board of Fisheries -- the timing is right
48 now -- and I don't know that anybody has submitted anything
49 to the State side.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Al?

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3 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I'd just like to say I
4 sit on the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Council, and they
5 were against this because they didn't feel there was a
6 problem with it. And, like you say, there would be a
7 double conflict on trying to enforce it, so.....

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9 MR. JENNINGS: What we could do, Madam
10 Chair, is we could have staff follow up with Mr. Olsen and
11 see if he wants to resubmit it and if he intends to submit
12 anything on the State side, if you'd like us to do that.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tim.

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16 MR. SQUARTSOFF: There's a person that just
17 came in.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Can you state your
20 name, and.....

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22 MR. RUOSS: Oh, yeah. My name is Roland
23 Ruoss. I'm from Kodiak. I run an air taxi in Kodiak, and
24 I share a seat on the Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Roland, we've
27 asked everybody -- on any of the issues that are on our
28 agenda, if anybody would like to testify to fill out a
29 green card and they are on this table. There's also
30 material over here, too.

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32 Open floor to public comments of the
33 Federal Subsistence Program. Basically, I covered most of
34 that and I also let you know that the forms are there for
35 you to testify.

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37 Okay, Item Number 8, Wildlife Proposal
38 Review and Regional Council Recommendations. The first one
39 is Proposal WP01-01. Helga?

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41 MS. EAKON: This is Helga Eakon, acting
42 coordinator. If you will please follow the protocol. I
43 printed it out in big letters. That way, we will have a
44 complete administrative to cover all perspectives. Okay,
45 Wildlife Proposals 01 and 2 were submitted by Eastern and
46 Western Interior Regional Councils, respectively, request
47 that definitions of bait, drainage, salvage be added to the
48 pertinent Federal regulations. Furthermore, Proposal 1
49 requests that the term airborne be defined and incorporated
50 into Federal subsistence regulations, and you may find that

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1 on page 8 in your Council booklet. The lead is Dave Fisher
2 -- oh, Pat Petrivelli.

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4 MS. PETRIVELLI: Well, this proposal
5 analysis was done by George Sherrod and mainly because it
6 was submitted by the Eastern and Western Interior Regional
7 Councils so he was more familiar with what they were trying
8 to accomplish. But, they were trying to have consistency
9 between the Federal definitions of these terms and the
10 State definitions. The State does have definitions for
11 bait, drainage and salvage -- and then to clarify airborne,
12 because that's not clearly defined in either set of
13 regulations. So he went through all the existing
14 definitions in the regulations and then just ended up
15 proposing the definitions that are on page 12; and for
16 bait, drainage and salvage, those are as they appear in the
17 State regulations and then airborne is just simply
18 transported by aircraft, and then aircraft is defined in
19 the Federal regulations. And, so far, of the Council that
20 have met, since it's a statewide proposal, the Northwest
21 Arctic and Bristol Bay Regional Councils have adopted the
22 proposals, or supported the adoption of the proposals.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Are there any
25 questions for Pat at this time? ADF&G comments?

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27 MS. EAKON: Is there anyone from ADF&G
28 here?

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do we know if someone
31 from ADF&G is going to make it in today?

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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, Roland, did you come
34 by yourself, or.....

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36 MR. RUOSS: I came out on Island Air.....

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Oh.

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40 MR. RUOSS:and I don't know if the
41 State's got any plans.

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43 MS. EAKON: Madam Chair, what I could do is
44 read the written comment into the record.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Oh, it's in the
47 back thing. Then it's.....

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49 MS. EAKON: Okay. Is that okay?

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That's fine. Thank
2 you, Helga.

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4 MS. EAKON: ADF&G comments: They support
5 adoption of this proposal. It would align the current
6 State and Federal definitions of bait, drainage and salve
7 and reduce confusion for the public. We reserve comment on
8 a definition of airborne until one is presented for review.
9 End of their comments, Madam Chair.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Helga. Do
12 you have a summary of written public comments in regard to
13 this?

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15 MS. EAKON: No comments were submitted on
16 these two proposals.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: At this time, we can
19 open the floor to any public comments if anyone has any
20 comments in regard to this proposal. Okay. Regional
21 Council recommendations and justification: Does any of the
22 Council members have any comments in regard to this? Boy.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I don't see any problem
25 with it.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We do need to take
28 action on this item, yes? Do I hear a motion to approve
29 the changes?

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31 MS. SHELLIKOFF: So moved.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Gilda
34 Shellikoff.

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36 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Second.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Al Cratty.

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Question.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
43 by saying aye.

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45 IN UNISON: Aye.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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49 (No opposing responses)

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried.

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3 MS. EAKON: Maybe for the record for your
4 justification you could say for the reasons stated in the
5 analysis, Madam Chair?

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Staff analysis?

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9 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Okay, we'll
12 move on to Proposal WP 01-02, and this is requesting a
13 definition of bait, drainage and salvage.

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15 MS. EAKON: Okay. Did you cover those two
16 together?

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18 MS. PETRIVELLI: We did 01 and 02.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh, it is. Okay, we
21 just made a motion on the -- maybe our motion needs to
22 amend.....

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24 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Amend.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:to reflect both
27 WP 01-01 and 01-02.

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29 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. We'll move on
32 to Proposal WP01-13 which would establish a brown bear
33 hunting season in Units 9(D) and 10, Unimak.

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35 MS. EAKON: Madam Chair, Proposal 13 was
36 submitted by Della Trumble of King Cove, Alaska, and
37 requesting establishing a brown bear subsistence harvest
38 season for Units 9(D), 10 -- Unimak Island, October 1
39 through December 31 and May 1 through May 25, one bear by
40 Federal registration permit and the lead is Dave Fisher.

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42 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Helga. Thank you,
43 Madam Chair. Currently, there is no Federal subsistence
44 hunting regulation for the brown bear in Unit 9(D) or Unit
45 10, Unimak Island, and what this proposal would do, as
46 Helga mentioned, it would establish a brown bear season for
47 both of those areas. The Federal public lands that are
48 involved here are part of the Izembek National Wildlife
49 Refuge.

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1 Currently, all residents of Unit 9(D) and
2 Unit 10, Unimak Island, have a positive customary and
3 traditional use for hunting brown bears in Units 9(D) and
4 10. As you know, brown bears are real common on the Alaska
5 Peninsula, and the Peninsula contains some of the highest
6 bear densities in Alaska and probably in the world. The
7 estimated population for the Peninsula is around 5,700
8 bears. Over the years, there have been quite a few studies
9 conducted, primarily in Unit 9(E), as that supports the
10 highest concentration of brown bears -- a lot of studies
11 around the Black Lake area, some studies conducted after
12 the Exxon Valdez oil spill -- and, as we know, the
13 densities vary within Unit 9. In the lower western part of
14 9(B) and the Bristol Bay area, the densities there are
15 quite a bit lower than some of the other areas. As I
16 mentioned, the highest density estimate would be in 9(E).
17 The estimated population for 9(E) is around almost 3,200
18 brown bears, so that you can see that subunit 9(E) contains
19 over half of the brown bears in the entire unit.

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21 In talking with Rick Poetter, he estimated
22 that the population in Unit 9(D) is currently stable, and
23 he estimated that that subunit contains around 900 brown
24 bears. For Unimak Island, the population also appear to be
25 stable, and the estimate there is somewhere between 200 and
26 250. Over the years, the Unit 9(D) fall harvest has
27 averaged around 45 animals, while the spring harvest has
28 averaged around 65. This is based on Department of Fish
29 and Game harvest ticket data. The harvest data for Unit
30 10, Unimak Island, there's 15 drawing permits issued for
31 each year -- 7 for the spring, and 8 for the fall -- and,
32 since 1991, our annual harvest has been around 8 bears.

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34 What this proposal would do would establish
35 brown bear harvest seasons on refuge lands in Unit 9(D) and
36 Unit 10. Both seasons would be October 1st through
37 December 31st, and May 1st through May 25th, 1 bear by
38 Federal registration permits. In discussing this proposal
39 with the Refuge staff there at Cold Bay, the preliminary
40 conclusion was to support the proposal with modification.
41 The modification would be to align the spring seasons for
42 Unit 9(D) and Unit 10. This would make harvest regulations
43 less confusing for all users. And then, in talking with
44 Rick Poetter, he recommended that the sealing requirements
45 pattern those that are used for the Western Brown Bear
46 Management Area, and I've listed those on page 26 and,
47 also, 27. I can briefly go over those with you. The skin
48 and skull of a brown bear harvested under a registration
49 permit in the Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area
50 need not be sealed. This would be under the subsistence

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1 regulations, unless it was removed from these two areas.
2 If the skin or skull of a brown bear taken in the Western
3 Alaska Brown Bear Management Area is removed from the area,
4 it must first be sealed by a Department of Fish and Game
5 and/or a Fish and Wildlife Service representative. At the
6 time of sealing, the representative shall remove and retain
7 the skin and skull and front claws of the bear. That
8 basically sums up my presentation, Madam Chairman.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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12 MR. FISHER: Uh-huh.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The ADF&G comments?
15 Helga, do you want to read those? They are on the record.

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17 MS. EAKON: Okay, ADF&G commented that they
18 support with modification. The department supports the
19 establishment of a registration permit for brown bear in
20 Units 9(D) and 10 as requested in this proposal. However,
21 we recommend that the permit require the salvage of edible
22 meat, and that any hides to be removed from the area be
23 sealed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Cold Bay,
24 at which time the front claws and skin of the head must be
25 removed to destroy trophy value. End of comments.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do we have any summary
28 of written public comments?

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30 MS. EAKON: Yes. We received one comment
31 from a Henry D. Tiffany, IV, a professional guide from
32 Ester, Alaska, who wrote that he opposed Proposal 13
33 because he believes it unnecessary as the existing State
34 regulations already allow brown bear hunting. End of
35 comment.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Regional Council
38 recommendation and justification? Oh, wait a minute, I
39 have open floor to public comments. At this time, I will
40 cover mine under Regional Council -- comments in regard to
41 this. Do we have anyone else that would like to comment
42 from the public in regard to this proposal?

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44 Hearing none, we'll move on to Regional
45 Council recommendation or Regional Council comments. Paul
46 Gunderson.

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48 MR. GUNDERSON: Excuse me, Madam Chair.
49 Looking over this, and I believe it's the last paragraph on
50 page 26, it says if the skin or skull of the brown bear is

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1 taken in the Western Brown Bear Management Area is removed
2 from the area, it must first be sealed by ADF&G
3 representative. At the time of the sealing, the ADF&G
4 representative shall remove and retain the skin, skull and
5 the claws. The intent of this was that a lot of those
6 parts and pieces of the animal was to use -- been used in
7 traditional dances and decorations and whatever, was the
8 intent of taking this animal in the first place. By taking
9 those away, it kind of nullifies the.....

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Purpose.

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13 MR. GUNDERSON:the purpose. So.....

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15 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I do agree with this.
16 Our intention of doing this whole -- and starting this was
17 our tribal council. I am the administrator. Over the
18 years -- and I recall as a child eating brown bear meat --
19 it's more of an educational item for our people and the
20 children in our communities to harvest a bear and to have
21 someone teach them what was done with it and how it was
22 used. The purpose is also that the bear itself be used as
23 part of the traditional Aleut dancers of King Cove, and so
24 I do disagree with ADF&G comments. And I also know that
25 there is a subsistence hunt on brown bear -- am I correct -
26 - for Kodiak?

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28 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yes.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And, Al, is that part
31 of their requirements?

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33 MR. CRATTY, JR.: It was. It was part of
34 their requirements, and we had it thrown out because of
35 traditional and cultural.

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37 MR. FISHER: I think we're only talking if
38 the bear is to be removed from Unit 9(D) or Unit 10, Unimak
39 Island. Then these requirements would apply. If the bear
40 isn't to be removed, then the requirement wouldn't be
41 effective. Rich was just recommending that we pattern the
42 sealing requirements after what is done in the Western
43 Alaska Brown Bear Management Area.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is it a requirement of
46 this -- and I was looking in the book of the Kodiak
47 subsistence bear.

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49 MR. FISHER: Would Robert know right
50 offhand? Is Robert here?

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1 MR. STOVALL: Yeah, Robert Stovall, Kodiak
2 National Wildlife Refuge. The Federal subsistence bear
3 hunt, registration bear hunt on Kodiak Island, has a
4 requirement for sealing of the -- not the skin, but the
5 skull -- and residents are allowed to retain those uses
6 with them sealed. At one point, there was a discussion to
7 do as this particular proposal has been suggested by ADF&G
8 and staff committee, and the Refuge had proposed that and
9 withdrew it after further discussion with Council members.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Paul?

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13 MR. GUNDERSON: The way this is worded,
14 they've got 9(D), 9(E) and they're kind of spelling out
15 subunits. Unit 9 covers all the way from Cook Inlet all
16 the way through the end of the Alaska Peninsula before you
17 get into the Aleutian Islands. Does that mean that it goes
18 from one side of the unit into another, if that's the
19 change, or could you cover it by just saying in Unit 9?
20 Because there is a customary and traditional bartering and
21 trading between the different communities. Between Port
22 Moller and Nelson Lagoon is about 18 miles, and the
23 boundary runs right between them, you know, between those
24 two subunits.

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26 MR. FISHER: The way it's currently
27 recommended, if the animal is removed from 9(D) and/or
28 Unit 10, Unimak Island, then those preceding requirements
29 would -- however the Council can wish to modify it, if
30 possible. As you pointed out, the C&T use does extend
31 outside of 9(D).

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33 MR. GUNDERSON: Time to do a modification
34 or suggestions?

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah, I think if
37 it's.....

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39 MR. FISHER: Madam Chairman, I would like
40 to point out one more modification that we did make. This
41 was, again, recommended by Rick and that was to modify that
42 spring season to align with the State. In other words, our
43 recommendation would be May 10th through May 25th, instead
44 of -- I believe it was May 1st through May 25th.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes, and I did talk to
47 someone with ADF&G in regard to that, and we didn't have a
48 problem with that.

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50 MR. FISHER: Okay.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do I hear any
2 modifications to this proposal by the Council?

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4 MR. GUNDERSON: I would, like I said, it
5 would changed to read that if it stays within that Unit,
6 not the subunits, or if you said well, we're to stay in
7 Unit 9 which would cover three or four different units that
8 -- but once it leaves that, then these regulations would be
9 applicable at that time.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Do you want to
12 make that into a motion at this time then, Paul, to modify
13 the Proposal WP 01-13?

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15 MR. GUNDERSON: I guess. I so move.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do I hear a second?

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19 MR. ZACHAROF: Second.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Richard
22 Zacharof. Call for question?

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24 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor accepting
27 Proposal WP01-13 with the modifications presented signify
28 by saying aye.

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30 IN UNISON: Aye.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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34 (No opposing responses)

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Tim?

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38 MR. JENNINGS: Madam Chair, could you state
39 again, Paul, for the record the modification that we made?

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41 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, that they'll be able
42 to move within Unit 9, and then it's not particularly
43 limited to subunits.

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45 MR. JENNINGS: So, 9 or 10?

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47 MR. GUNDERSON: Yes.

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49 MR. JENNINGS: Unit 9 or 10. Okay.

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1 MR. GUNDERSON: Yes.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Before we get into the
4 next proposal, it's pretty close to lunch. Do we want to
5 go ahead and break and maybe try to find out if anyone else
6 is coming, particularly from the State? Go ahead.

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8 MR. PETERSON: Madam Chair, I've got to
9 catch a plane at 1:00 o'clock.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh, do you want to go
12 ahead and -- can we go ahead and just defer off the agenda
13 and do your public testimony?

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15 MR. PETERSON: Yeah.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is that acceptable to
18 everyone? Okay. Given that we have a testimony from John
19 [sic] Ignaton [sic] that might do a public testimony in
20 regard to the proposal on the.....

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22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Jeff Peterson.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Jeff Peterson? I'm
25 sorry -- Jeff Peterson, in regard to the goats and he has
26 stated that he does need to leave at 1:00. We'll go ahead
27 and defer from the agenda at this time and allow him to
28 give his public testimony.

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30 MR. PETERSON: My name is Jeff Peterson,
31 subsistence hunter, big game transporter, sea duck hunting
32 guide. I'm sitting on the Kodiak Brown Bear Management
33 Plan right now, so I understand the process and it's pretty
34 long. But I wasn't paying much attention with what was
35 happening with the Federal Subsistence Board and, the next
36 thing you know, we start reading things in the paper about
37 a bunch of opposition for a proposed goat hunt.

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39 We hunt goats in Old Harbor when they're
40 down low and when you see them. You know, I'm supposed to
41 be in a meeting in Anchorage but I was hoping to catch you
42 guys because what I read in the paper was that some people
43 were saying this is nonsense -- the customary and
44 traditional hunt. It is customary and traditional for
45 people in the villages to hunt whatever species for eating
46 that's available, whether it's halibut, ducks, bear, deer.
47 If we had moose here, we'd be eating moose. It we had elk
48 down here, we'd be eating elk.

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50 I took a couple of guys out hunting from

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1 Pennsylvania this October. One guy is a resident; his
2 brother is a non-resident. They both drew for a goat. I
3 went outside the house, pointed up on the hill and said
4 there's the goats and they took off and they came back with
5 their goats and they said how come you didn't go up and get
6 one? I said, well, we didn't get drawn. We put in for
7 goats and -- my son and I put in a couple of years ago. He
8 got drawn, and my son and I went up and got goats and, you
9 know, the first goat I had was a couple of years prior to
10 that. One of the local guys here drew. And the way the
11 hunt goes here -- you know how it is subsistence hunting.

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13 A lot of people in Kodiak or other big
14 cities don't understand subsistence hunting. What
15 subsistence hunting is, is when you go out for an animal
16 the guys hop on the boat and you see an animal and the guys
17 go up and the guy that had the permit told me -- he was
18 from here in the village -- he says, we're going to go up,
19 the first goat we see, whoever sees it first shoots it.
20 So, the two of us went up and the first goat that jumped up
21 in front of us we both pulled up on it and I thought I was
22 a quick shot and he shot it first. It was his goat, and we
23 ate goat that night and it tasted good. That was my first
24 goat hunt, and it probably about eight years ago.

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26 So, we've been putting in since and,
27 finally, about three years ago my son drew. We went up and
28 we shot a goat and came back. Still tastes the same as the
29 first one, pretty good. And I started doing these bird
30 surveys, and I was at one guy's house that overlooks the
31 hills where all the goats are, and I looked out and I saw
32 some goats. I said, Lee, there's some goats. He says,
33 yeah, as soon as they come down lower, I'll go get one.
34 And I said, oh you hunt them? He says, yeah, we hunt
35 goats. And this is right here from the village. So, we've
36 been trying to draw them and all this time, you know, some
37 guys are already just hunting them.

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39 And, getting back to the story where that
40 guy says, how come you didn't come up hunting with us? He
41 was from Pennsylvania. I said, well, I put in and we
42 didn't get drawn again. This was this season. He says,
43 you mean to tell me I'm from Pennsylvania and this guy
44 here's from Anchorage, we drew goats and you can't go hunt
45 them? I said, yeah, that's the way it is. He said, that's
46 baloney. You live here year-round, he said, and you should
47 be able to go hunt them. Now, when people understand the
48 issues they'll support us. Some guy in Kodiak, living on
49 the island, says subsistence hunting goats is nonsense. I
50 don't believe he understands the whole issue here. We hunt

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1 goats. We've been hunting them since they've been here.
2 Just like the deer were introduced -- the first one shot
3 here was 1969. That wasn't customary and traditional, but
4 it's customary and traditional today.

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6 People with this customary and traditional
7 definition, if they want to be customary and traditional,
8 you know, they got to go back to sailboats and the East
9 Coast. Go back to Europe and be customary and traditional
10 over there. They want to keep us running around in
11 skinboats and all these traditional things. It's
12 different. Times change, and I think the people that
13 oppose anything that has to do with coming from the
14 villages, I really believe are either racist or they don't
15 understand. And I'm hoping that the people in Kodiak just
16 don't understand that are opposing us. So, I was hoping
17 the testimony today would show people that we use the
18 animals for food and whatever -- you know, the hide could
19 make -- a lot of guys want to make flies for fly-fishing.

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21 Like I said, times change. The hide could
22 be used for flies. It could be used for anything that's
23 used today. Just because it was something used 500 years
24 ago doesn't mean it's not customary and traditional.
25 Whatever the goat hide, whatever -- any hide is used by the
26 people today, that's customary and traditional. That's my
27 definition of customary and traditional is whatever it's
28 used for today and in the past. Times change. So, that's
29 my testimony on goats, and if anybody has any questions or
30 anything?

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Does anybody have any
33 questions or comments for Jeff Peterson, Council?

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35 MR. ZACHAROF: So, your neighbor will go
36 out anytime you see a goat, or can you -- you have to draw
37 a ticket to hunt them?

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39 MR. PETERSON: Right. It's a drawing
40 process, and I don't know what the percent is but it's not
41 a very good chance to draw them. And I've been putting in
42 for, I don't know, five, six years and we got drawn once.
43 I have everybody -- my dad, I have my son and myself we put
44 in. And, you know, it's just one of the species that -- in
45 subsistence hunting to do.

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47 MR. ZACHAROF: How many people locally get
48 a goat every year?

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50 MR. PETERSON: There's some printed

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1 statistics, and I think Old Harbor, Port Lions probably
2 have the highest number, but this year I think -- I think
3 there's only one guy that drew this year. But, if you hear
4 some of the testimony, if you don't get drawn you're going
5 to go up and get a goat anyway if they come down to the
6 area. You know, we don't go hiking up to the top of the
7 peaks when there's no snow like the trophy hunters like to
8 do. Just like the trophy deer hunters, they wait -- they,
9 like, go hike up in August when it's -- you know, they like
10 to get a workout. But we like to wait for them to come
11 down, oh probably to the 500 foot level, and that's when
12 people start going out and getting goats.

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14 So, even if you don't draw -- when you
15 draw, I think it's one month in October. At the end of
16 October is when it ends. But that's the end of October.
17 November is when you see the -- you know, December,
18 January, when the goats start coming down. That's when the
19 subsistence hunters will be out taking goats. I saw the
20 trooper come in here. I don't know if I'm going to get in
21 trouble for saying that or not, but that's.....

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Mr. Gunderson?

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25 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah, what are your
26 suggestions on how to set up something where it would be
27 fair and equitable to each of the communities? Do you have
28 any suggestions for us to take a look at?

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30 MR. PETERSON: Yeah, you know, the villages
31 are in dire straits as far as economic stability. You
32 know, I wrote a letter to the editor about that paint ball
33 incident, but the same thing that's happening is people --
34 we've been losing a lot from the Federal government, from
35 the State. Every time we come to a meeting we're fighting
36 for something. Why do we always have to fight for stuff?

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38 A solution for some of these issues like
39 subsistence goat hunting -- a solution would be just to
40 allocate a village so many goats. Whatever they want to
41 use them goats for, it's up to the village. There's a
42 misconception when you turn something over to the villages
43 they're going to ruin it and destroy it. That's what some
44 of the letters I read on the table there -- oh, if we open
45 it up subsistence, they're going to ruin it. We live here
46 year-round. We don't ruin anything here. We got to live
47 with them. And I would just get it away from the State
48 somehow, get it away from the Federal government and just
49 give it to the villages. We're going to take more care of
50 it than anybody else will.

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1 It's pretty interesting that these people
2 here that they don't understand the village, I guess, think
3 that we're going to ruin it. So, a suggestion would be
4 just to somehow allocate, you know, a number of goats, once
5 you hear the testimony of how many goats are taken from the
6 village. Then you base it on that, on each village,
7 because I don't know what people in Larsen Bay take. I
8 don't know what people in Port Lions take. But Old Harbor,
9 I believe, takes a lot of goats from -- since I started
10 reading in the paper, I started asking people how many
11 goats they've been taking. I think that's the best way to
12 go is just to find out from further testimonies, you know,
13 and then just start from there and give an allocation out.

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15 I don't know how you want to do it, because
16 I get money. I got paid for transporting these guys out.
17 Gave them a four-wheeler, and they went to the end of the
18 road and they started walking. That was my big game
19 transporter, you know, transporting them via bike. Now,
20 that means if I lose, if we go subsistence and there's no
21 more drawings, that means I'm going to be out of a job,
22 too. But I'm going to be able to go subsistence on goat.
23 The concern is the economic benefit that I will lose by
24 allowing subsistence hunts. Well, why don't we make it
25 where you give the village a certain number of goats? The
26 village will determine how many are for subsistence and
27 then how many are for trophy because, you know, then it's
28 customary and traditional. And when somebody says that's
29 not customary and traditional, they're going to say the law
30 says this is not customary and traditional.

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32 Well, who wrote the law? We did not write
33 it in the village. If you own a boat, you are a guide. I
34 mean, I remember when it was nice before I owned a boat.
35 Then I could just be a passenger on somebody's boat. Now,
36 you own a boat, you got to take care of everybody. You got
37 to take everybody out, and you become a guide. That's how
38 it is.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Does
41 anyone else have questions for Jeff Peterson?

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43 MR. ZACHAROF: Jeff, you know I think that
44 taking away -- you said, take it away from the Federal
45 government or the State? I think our board here want to
46 listen to people like yourself in better understanding the
47 subsistence issues, and we're here to work with you and
48 better understand what you're talking about and to assist
49 you in this matter. Our Federal board is here to do that.

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1 MR. PETERSON: Great.

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3 MR. GUNDERSON: And all of us are all
4 subsistence users anyway, you know? We live the lifestyle.
5 We understand the issues, and that's good just to hear
6 that.....

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It's our position as
9 representatives on this board representing our communities
10 for Federal subsistence use on Federal lands.

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12 MR. PETERSON: Yeah. I think just to help
13 it go further, you've got to ask for more than you're going
14 to get because we're -- like I said, our definition of
15 customary and traditional is a lot different than whoever
16 wrote the law down. You know, I'm a sea otter
17 commissioner, and I'm a harbor seal commissioner and we
18 have that same -- customary and traditional and -- what is
19 the other one -- significantly altered. All those things
20 come into play, and we're having problems defining those.
21 But we do subsist goat. What can we do, you know? It's
22 got to be turned over to the village. You can't have
23 somebody from Washington or Juneau telling us what, you
24 know, customary and traditional is and what significantly
25 altered is and all, you know? It doesn't make any sense.

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27 So, I don't know how you guys can handle
28 that. I think we got to get our -- you ask for the whole
29 damn thing, because you're going to have some people
30 whittling it down to you could probably go out and shoot
31 the goat, but you got to walk backwards down the hill and
32 take it over to another village or whatever. That's pretty
33 much what happens when you're -- just like the guy said on
34 that bear issue. He said you could take the bear, but you
35 got to remove the skulls and claws or whatever? You got to
36 ask for the whole shebang.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other comments?
39 Thank you, Jeff. We very much appreciate your public
40 testimony and the information and maybe, given that you are
41 leaving, there are some staff members in the audience when
42 we break for lunch here that if they want to discuss some
43 of the points of that. Okay, at this time maybe we'll go
44 ahead and break for lunch. Is 1:00, maybe about 1:30 -- or
45 1:00? Pardon?

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47 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Compromise.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: 1:15. I think we're
50 going to compromise.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'm going to take a nap.

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3 MS. SHELLIKOFF: That's what this session
4 is.

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6 (Off record)

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The next item on the
9 agenda is Proposal WP01-14 which is modifying the current
10 elk season in Unit 8. Introduction?

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12 MS. EAKON: Thank you, Madam Chair, and
13 members of the Council. Proposal 14, submitted by the
14 Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee in Kodiak would
15 change the hunting season dates from September 1 through
16 November 30 to September 25 through November 30; eliminate
17 the 1 elk per household and 1 elk per 2 hunters in a party.
18 I'm sorry. Let me start over.

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20 Thank you, Madam Chair, and members of the
21 Council. Proposal 14, submitted by the Kodiak Fish and
22 Game Advisory Committee in Kodiak, Alaska, would change the
23 hunting season dates from September 1 through November 30
24 to September 25 through November 30; eliminate the one elk
25 per household and one elk per two hunters in party;
26 include Ban, Uganik, and Kodiak Island portions of the
27 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge in the Federal subsistence
28 hunt and eliminate the need for a Federal registration
29 permit. And the lead is Dave Fisher.

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31 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Helga, members of
32 the Council. Currently, all rural residents of Unit 8 have
33 a customary and traditional use of elk for Unit 8. I might
34 note that a companion proposal, or similar proposal, was
35 presented to the Alaska Board of Game, and we have a fellow
36 from our office named Dan Leplant (ph) who's our liaison
37 with the Board of Game, and he reported back us through Tim
38 that the Board of Game apparently passed our companion
39 proposal but it was sort of contingent upon the Federal
40 Subsistence Board passing its proposal. So, we may want to
41 get into that just a little bit later.

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43 Again, the Federal public lands involved
44 here is the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. This current
45 elk season, as you know, is really only three years old.
46 The customary and traditional use was established by the
47 Federal Subsistence Board in '97. A hunting season was
48 established in '98, and then last year we made another
49 modification which eliminated the requirement that entry
50 shall be from marine waters only. Even though the season

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1 has only been in effect three years, we have made some
2 major changes.

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4 As you know, elk were reintroduced to
5 Afognak Island in 1929 and the population reached the
6 harvestable numbers by 1950 and hunting season started back
7 in 1955. Survey data conducted by the Department of Fish
8 and Game indicates that the herd has ranged somewhere
9 between 600 and 1,500 animals since 1960. I believe the
10 current average population is around 1,000 animals, and
11 there was a small herd that does use the refuge on Afognak
12 Island. That's referred to as the Waterfall herd and that
13 population is currently around 100 animals and those
14 animals do go on and off the refuge during the fall.

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16 This proposal would increase the
17 subsistence hunt area with the addition of Kodiak and
18 Uganik Islands. However, it would shorten the Federal
19 subsistence season, as Helga mentioned, but would still
20 provide for subsistence priority as the State has shortened
21 their season. It would eliminate the one elk per
22 household, one elk per two hunters hunting in a party, and
23 thereby simplify the regulations. And it also requests the
24 dropping of a Federal registration permit and going with a
25 State registration permit, thereby somewhat simplifying the
26 permit process. There would just be one process.

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28 So, we looked at it, and we support it with
29 modifications, and it's kind of based on what the Board of
30 Game did -- that the Board of Game adopts their companion
31 proposal as submitted by the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory
32 Committee. Then, part of the modification would read:
33 Unit 8 elk; Kodiak, Ban, Uganik, and Afognak Islands; one
34 elk by State registration permit, September 25th through
35 November 30th, and then the season would be closed when the
36 combined Federal/State harvest reaches 15 percent of the
37 herd. If the companion proposal was not adopted by the
38 Board of Game, then the proposal should be modified as
39 follows: one elk by Federal registration permit, September
40 1st through November 30th. Federal registration permit,
41 and the season again would be closed. However, the Board
42 of Game did adopt their companion proposal.

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44 In either case, proposed changes to our
45 Federal regulations would simplify management of elk in
46 Unit 8, and with the adoption of the proposal it would
47 align State and Federal harvest limits, increase the hunt
48 area and the harvest limit potential and, as adopted by the
49 Board of Game with their companion proposal, it would
50 provide for a 10-day advantage hunting opportunity for

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1 subsistence users. That's about all I have, Madam
2 Chairman.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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6 MR. FISHER: Uh-huh.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: ADF&G comments?
9 Record?

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11 MS. EAKON: Thank you, Madam Chair.
12 ADF&G's written comments are that they support this
13 proposal. This proposal is the result of a coordinated
14 effort between the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee,
15 the Kodiak Refuge, and the department, and is a companion
16 proposal to one being submitted to the Board of Game. It
17 was developed to address a potentially unmanageable
18 situation that could result from the Federal subsistence
19 elk hunt starting three weeks before the other elk hunts on
20 Afognak Island. If both the State and Federal proposals
21 are adopted, the State season on Federal lands on Afognak
22 Island would not open until October 5, but the Federal
23 subsistence season would begin on September 25. This would
24 provide federally qualified subsistence hunters with an
25 additional 10 days of hunting opportunity at the start of
26 the season. Adoption of this proposal also would align the
27 State and Federal harvest limits and permitting procedures,
28 thereby simplifying the regulations for all hunters and
29 allowing permits to be issued at a single location. And,
30 Madam Chair, there were no written public comments.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Helga. Do
33 we have any public comments from anybody in the audience?
34 If you didn't sign up to testify and would like to come
35 forward and make some comments, you are allowed to just
36 state your name. Hearing none, Regional Council, any
37 thoughts from the Regional Council?

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Madam Chair?

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete?

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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I don't support this
44 proposal the way it's written. I don't feel that we really
45 need to change it very much. I don't think there is any
46 problem with the refuge permitting system. Robert, do you
47 have any problem with your permitting system from the
48 refuge? That's no problem. And I really don't want to see
49 that one elk per household taken out. I'd like to see that
50 left in. And, also, on September 25th, I think 10 days --

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1 sometimes you can't get up to North Afognak for 10 days. I
2 mean, I don't think that's enough time allowed. I think we
3 definitely need more time than that to be successful in
4 that hunt, especially that time of the year. So, unless
5 somebody has something else to add to it, I don't know --
6 other comments on it.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Paul?

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10 MR. GUNDERSON: What time of the year do
11 they go into rut? Is it later than September usually?

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13 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, as far as I know,
14 they usually go from September to mid-October or so --
15 they're into rut.

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17 MR. GUNDERSON: So, if you're going for
18 meat animals, you'd want to go prior to that then.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, well, we go for meat
21 animals, we don't shoot big bulls.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: September 1.

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25 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, if they aligned it
26 with the State, that's what you're going to end up with
27 them.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No. We could shoot a cow
30 or a spike. Oh, yeah, well, you know, I've always shot a
31 cow or a young bull.....

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33 MR. GUNDERSON: Uh-huh.

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF:for meat, so I don't
36 think it's going to really hurt their rutting animals if
37 you're not shooting the big bulls.

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39 MR. GUNDERSON: Uh-huh.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other Council?

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43 MR. LUKIN: I see it as strictly a meat
44 hunt. Like Pete said, you know, you go for the better of
45 the meat which is the cow or the younger bull. One year I
46 shot a bigger animal and it just doesn't compare to the
47 smaller ones.

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: When we discussed this
50 at the time that we made changes to it, changing the dates,

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1 wasn't one of the issues also that it being earlier allowed
2 people that had their gear or boats out to utilize them to
3 harvest before they put them away for the winter?

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right at the end of the
6 fishing season?

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes. Was that part of
9 one -- that was also one of the reasons we changed the date
10 for an earlier date?

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But then boat restriction
13 was taken out of it.

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15 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Access by boat only.....

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Uh-huh. Yeah.

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21 MR. SQUARTSOFF:was restricted.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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25 MR. ZACHAROF: Yeah, I kind of concur with
26 Paul here in regards to, you know, the rutting season. You
27 know, it seems September through October is normally
28 rutting season, and I just wonder about individuals that
29 might go out there and hunt and shoot a bull and realize
30 the meat's not edible. It's strong. And, you know, August
31 seems a lot better to me for a hunt like that -- you know,
32 for a 15-day period in August, like August 15th through
33 September versus September 15th to October. I think you're
34 right in the middle of the rut there.

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, well, that's when
37 though a lot of these guys are still commercial fishing in
38 August.

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40 MR. LUKIN: Yes.

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42 MR. FISHER: I think at one time there was
43 some concern and Larry expressed concern at one time about
44 an earlier season because of meat spoilage, and perhaps
45 Robert may want to elaborate on that.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think that came up
48 actually came up at the statewide meeting and what had
49 covered that whole issue was it's two hunters, one elk.
50 So, you have two hunters that.....

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So you make sure you got
2 your meat out of the field.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah. And that was
5 added into there.

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's why that was in
8 there.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: One thing, too, if
11 somebody could maybe explain to me in here a couple of
12 things. Number 1, is there any documentation of how many
13 elk were harvested during this season last year? No? Is
14 that not available?

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16 MR. PYLE: Zero. There hasn't been a
17 documented subsistence elk take since the season started.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: For the last three years.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. And, then, in
22 the ADF&G comments it states in here it was developed to
23 address a potentially unmanageable situation that could
24 result from the Federal subsistence elk hunt starting three
25 weeks before the elk hunts on Afognak Island. Why is it a
26 potentially unmanageable situation?

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28 MR. FISHER: Maybe Robert could elaborate
29 on that. Robert?

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31 MR. STOVALL: I'm Robert Stovall. What was
32 the question again?

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: In the ADF&G comments,
35 under their supporting and their reasoning for -- one of
36 the reasons for this proposal change is that it was
37 developed to address a potentially unmanageable situation
38 that could result from the Federal subsistence elk hunt
39 starting three weeks before the other elk hunts on Afognak
40 Island. How does this create a potentially unmanageable
41 situation?

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43 MR. STOVALL: I do believe that.....

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You might want to
46 state your name?

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48 MR. STOVALL: This is Robert Stovall of
49 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and I'll try and
50 paraphrase some of the discussions that we've had with

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1 Larry Van Daele, our state biologist. I think that he felt
2 that there would be -- the marine access restriction was
3 lifted for this year's hunt, and he felt that there would
4 be a very large influx of hunters trying to get permits and
5 hunters going out into the field, thus making it less
6 manageable for us to hand out the permits and be able to
7 check the hunters in the field when that happened. But,
8 unfortunately, the amount of permits that were issued has
9 been the same in the last three years, averaging around 20
10 permits. We had 22 permits this year. From the standpoint
11 of us being able to manage it, if there was indeed 100 to
12 200 people that tried to get permits, that would be
13 unmanageable, but there hasn't been that much interest
14 shown so far.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Does
17 anybody have any questions for Robert, Council members?
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19 MR. LUKIN: Robert, you mentioned 22
20 permits. You have a set figure. I don't see how it could
21 be a problem. You've got 20 or 22 permits you're giving
22 out, and that's basically it? What are you saying about
23 the 100 people coming in, something you can't manage?
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25 MR. STOVALL: Yeah. The amount of permits
26 that are being issued right now has not been a problem for
27 the refuge staff to issue them. A quick analysis of what
28 happens to the permits once they go out: this year, for
29 instance, I was able to contact 17 of about 21 people that
30 had gone out or had planned on going out, and out of those
31 folks -- this is after the 25th of September, and most of
32 these folks had their permits before the 1st -- only about
33 eight of them had actually gone out and tried to hunt and,
34 of course, none of them were successful.
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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I have a question for
37 Robert. Are they include -- wanting to include these other
38 areas, Kodiak, Uganik, Ban Island -- is there any numbers
39 of elk in these other areas?
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41 MR. STOVALL: Well, Ban Island has always
42 been a portion of the refuge. Uganik Island and on Kodiak
43 Island, there have been reports to the ADF&G folks and to
44 us on seeing some elk. The only reports I've heard of,
45 actually, have come from Kupreanof Peninsula, which is on
46 Kodiak Island. I have not heard of any reports myself from
47 elk on Uganik Island. So, yes, there's potentially elk
48 there. Whether those elk are getting onto the refuge
49 portions of Kodiak Island and/or Uganik Island, they
50 haven't shown up in any of our flights over the refuge

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1 areas.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Al?

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5 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I got a concern. What
6 are the concerns on the road system, the loggers being able
7 to get into that area?

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9 MR. STOVALL: None of the roads actually go
10 on the refuge, of course. That's the first thing you need
11 to know. Secondly, there's been an access restriction for
12 the Native Corporation use of those roads by -- I do
13 believe it's Ouzinkie Native Corporation and Afognak Native
14 Corporation. So, the access on the roads has been
15 restricted, and I don't have information as to how that has
16 played out in this whole situation on access onto the
17 refuge from that way to access.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But, Robert, it's not
20 restricted if you pay your land use permit.

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22 MR. STOVALL: Right. Right. I'm just
23 saying that those roads -- first of all, we have no control
24 over.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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28 MR. STOVALL: And, secondly, they don't go
29 onto the refuge. So, if there's access, the.....

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: But they go up to the
32 refuge boundaries.

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34 MR. CRATTY, JR.: They go up to the refuge.

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36 MR. STOVALL: They come within a quarter of
37 a mile at the closest.

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: All right.

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41 MR. CRATTY, JR.: That's kind of my
42 concern, is how much more hunting effort are you going to
43 get there if you can pay the fees with the corporation,
44 see?

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46 MR. STOVALL: Well, the only way I can
47 respond to that is that from this year -- this is the first
48 year that the marine access has been lifted -- and there
49 was no appreciable change from previous years.

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1 MR. LUKIN: Have you been getting many
2 calls in about those permits, about any changes? Like last
3 year when this was changed from the marine access?
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5 MR. STOVALL: We got calls on people
6 wanting to know information. When they did call us, the
7 question dealt with who has the access or who was in
8 control of that access? We would refer them to the most
9 probable parties. Other than that, usually calls would
10 come in about how to get a permit and when they were
11 available, and we answered those questions without any
12 problems.
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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is there any other
15 discussion? What would the Council like to do?
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17 MR. PYLE: Madam Chair?
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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh, I'm sorry. Go
20 ahead.
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22 MR. PYLE: My name is Bill Pyle with Kodiak
23 Refuge, Madam Chair, members of the Council, and I would
24 just add to what Robert Stovall said. I think the State's
25 basis for unmanageable was -- you know, you can kind of
26 read it in. There was several reasons. Permits were one.
27 They had a concern about the timing of the hunt coinciding
28 with the peak of the rutting activities and a time of year
29 that is a little warmer and presents a few more problems in
30 terms of, you know, preserving the meat. With elk, given
31 the size of the animal that you're talking about packing
32 out, that's a little bit of a consideration -- not one that
33 in and of itself is significant -- but when you add it all
34 up is a concern. I think they were also considering the
35 law enforcement situation. That is, it's easier to enforce
36 the situation, you know, if the seasons are closer
37 together. Assuming that, subsistence priority is still
38 sufficient, and so enforcement I think was an additional
39 concern. And that's about all I have.
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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. We might
42 want kind of use this caribou issue we do in our region,
43 Izembek, as an example of sometimes why and how we come to
44 where we're at in trying to provide for the subsistence
45 user to get what they need. We had alignment with our
46 subsistence caribou for I think a period of three years,
47 which was September 1st to the 30th and it closed at that
48 time until November 1st for two reason. Number one, the
49 rut; and number 2, because of user conflict with outside
50 hunters coming in, being the duck hunters in Cold Bay and

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1 the sportfishermen -- allowing them to not be able to
2 incidentally take caribou without, you know -- for us to
3 increase our population.

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5 We changed that date to August 1st for a
6 number of reasons, one of the main reasons being that we
7 did have a subsistence hunt for three years and did not
8 even reach or get close to what we were allowed to hunt for
9 each of our communities, which was in itself a low amount,
10 because of weather. Last year, we did change that to
11 August 1st for two reasons: because the weather is better;
12 and, number 2, that fishing boats are still out and it's
13 the end of the season -- about the second to the third week
14 of August -- that the guys can utilize their boats and
15 their gear to harvest a caribou. Given those two things,
16 we were for the first time in I don't know how many years
17 able to harvest caribou and it was a really good thing.
18 People in our region appreciate it a lot. They got
19 something that they have eaten for years, and it was also
20 done legally. But it also helped maintaining the
21 population and getting it up where we want it to control
22 it.

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24 And, to some degree, when I look at some of
25 this I see the same thing and the issue, you know, to some
26 degree -- I mean, an unmanageable situation, and like a
27 user conflict thing not being unmanageable -- if you look
28 at the numbers that were presented, I don't see how that
29 impacts this. I know that's just my opinion. Council?
30 Paul?

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32 MR. GUNDERSON: Excuse me. I like the
33 comments from the people that are the users of that animal
34 and that area. They know what times and dates and which is
35 best suitable for them, and I think these things should be
36 structured in that fashion. You used that caribou
37 situation that we did in Unit 9(D) which worked out real
38 well, and a lot of the people are real happy. But, we're
39 not really here to try to parallel what the State's doing
40 or whatever. It's just whatever the users want and need.

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42 MR. LUKIN: I think the question I have is
43 some mention of some animals being Kupreanof. What is your
44 feelings about that herd or if there is a herd on
45 Kupreanof?

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47 MR. FISHER: May I?

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49 MR. LUKIN: Sure.

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1 MR. PYLE: Generally speaking, refuge has
2 not had a policy of active support for expansion of the elk
3 herd onto Kodiak Island. So, we're not facilitating it,
4 but we're aware that it's something that, you know, could
5 well occur naturally and evidence and the few observations
6 that have been collected support the fact that there has
7 been some swimming elk that have made it across, but
8 perhaps not enough to establish a population. But there's
9 likely elk on Kodiak Island and, under this proposal, those
10 animals would be available as would those that show up on
11 Uganik. And, of course, Ban is actually right up where the
12 primary elk population is, and there are animals regularly
13 on Ban.

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15 One thing I forgot to mention before in
16 regards to -- I mean, this proposal does increase the
17 number of elk that -- you know, I mean it's one elk per
18 person versus one elk per party, and that is something to
19 consider to some extent. It could be viewed as an increase
20 in the opportunity in that regard.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The reason I believe we
23 had one elk per household is so that more households would
24 have a chance of getting elk. Now, say 15 elk swam over on
25 Uganik Island and one gill net family over there, they
26 could shoot four elk the way this proposal would read.

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28 MR. PYLE: I guess we'll know when it
29 happens, you know? I mean, that's one of the tough things
30 about evaluating this.

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32 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's not sharing the
33 resource.

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35 MR. PYLE: You know, we don't have any real
36 evidence at this point. Today, it's just like, well, you
37 know, this is what actually happened under subsistence
38 with.....

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well, it happened on
41 Afognak with the logging cabin. That's why a lot of this
42 came in, because some household would get up to three
43 permits and take three elk. So, that's why we come up with
44 the one per household thing.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think it's fine the
47 way it is.

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49 MR. LUKIN: I always seen that north end
50 hunt, subsistence hunt, as a real problem for us as far as

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1 getting up there with the marine access, and then you
2 change it, which is fine, but you're still so frigging far
3 away I -- in a way, I support this closer hunt on Kodiak
4 Island, but I also agree with Pete what he just mentioned.
5 I still stand by the one animal per household.

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7 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, I agree with Ivan
8 and Pete, too. I think when we put this in, we were
9 looking at the concern of the people in the households and
10 the one elk for each hunter, or two hunters, was the reason
11 for there wouldn't be no waste. You start letting
12 everybody shoot an elk, you're going to start wasting elk.
13 Right here in the.....

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15 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Read it.

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17 MR. CRATTY, JR.:Subsistence
18 Management Regulations, it says one elk per household by
19 Federal registration permit only. Only one elk in
20 possession for each two hunters. Them are big animals.
21 I've been up there hunting with Peter many times, and to
22 move one elk it takes a lot of work.

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24 MR. SQUARTSOFF: It takes two people most
25 of the day to get one elk out.

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27 MR. PYLE: Uh-huh.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So, even if it's not that
30 far away.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Bill?

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34 MR. PYLE: Well, it's just my understanding
35 that, you know, this wouldn't preclude party hunting. I
36 mean, naturally, I think it's something that would be
37 considered if somebody takes the responsibility to hunt an
38 elk. And, given the logistical considerations of hunting,
39 I mean it just offers the opportunity for more than one
40 individual in that household to harvest and to, you know,
41 share the burden of responsibility for that.

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43 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, and, see, our
44 intention is to save the meat. That's why we have the one
45 per household and one for every two hunters. So, we're
46 concerned about getting the meat out of the field. And if
47 you allow three or four people in one household to get a
48 permit, each of them have a permit and they, for some
49 reason -- I don't know if they all shoot an elk at the same
50 time -- they can't get that meat out. Then it's a loss to

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1 bears.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Does anybody have a
4 copy of what the State regulations are right now on this?
5 I need to get a State book.

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7 MR. FISHER: Yes. In Unit 8, Raspberry
8 Island; residents and non-residents, one bull by permit,
9 drawing type, October 1st through October 22nd. Unit 8,
10 Afognak Island, west of a line from the head of Saposa Bay
11 to the head of Pauls Bay and south and east of a line from
12 Delphin Point to the head of Malina Bay, south of Malina
13 Bay; residents and non-residents, one elk by permit,
14 drawing type permit, September 25th through October 22nd;
15 or one elk by registration permit, October 23rd through
16 November 30th. Unit 8, that portion of Afognak Island east
17 of Tonki Bay, and east of a line from the head of Tonki Bay
18 to Pillar Cape, that's currently closed. And then the
19 remainder of Unit 8; residents and non-residents; one elk
20 by registration permit, September 25th through November
21 30th.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Council
24 recommendation, or anymore discussion?

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'm writing it here.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You're writing it?

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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Keep talking.

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32 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I think I'd like to get
33 back to that first -- I mentioned on when I shot an elk and
34 just in case there's something that comes back on us here
35 on this goat issue, you know when we shot those elk there
36 was me an another guy and the trophy bulls were down in the
37 big herd -- there was about six or eight or 10 right in
38 front of us -- and we were waiting for them to get up. And
39 there was no trophy heads in this just for the record. We
40 were meat hunting. They were big animals. And there is a
41 difference between what he's talking about and those bigger
42 animals as far as size goes. There were not no trophy
43 heads on them.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Bill and Dave, do you
46 have anymore thoughts on this issue? Comments? It's my
47 understanding that the State is adopting -- I'm assuming
48 it's the first part of this -- depending on whether this
49 Council adopts the changes and their recent action on this
50 issue? Pete?

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'd like to make a motion
2 to amend Proposal WP01-14 to read Unit 8 elk; Kodiak, Ban,
3 Uganik, and Afognak; one elk by registration permit, only
4 one elk per household; and the dates run from September
5 15th to November 30th.

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7 MR. FISHER: Question? Did you say Federal
8 registration permit?

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Just the registration
11 permit. It's either Federal or State. It doesn't really
12 matter, just registration permit. I guess it would have to
13 be Federal to be on Federal lands like we have now.
14 Federal permit.

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16 MR. FISHER: Thank you.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: So, basically, Pete,
19 the only thing that your changing from the current
20 regulation is September 15th to November 30th?

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right, and taking out one
23 elk per two hunters, just leaving one per household.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: It is in there, one
26 elk per -- let me read this: one elk per household by
27 Federal registration permit only, only one elk in
28 possession for each two hunters in a party.

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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, this would change
31 that. This is amending this proposal, the newest one.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'm a little lost
34 here. If we've got the current proposal, which this is
35 what it reads. We've got a recommended proposal submitted
36 by Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Council to change it.

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38 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's the one I'm
39 amending.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: So, you're amending
42 theirs, which would change this.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Their proposal, right.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is that correct?

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48 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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50 MS. EAKON: And then the proper way to do

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1 it, you would modify the proposal to fit your
2 recommendation.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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8 MS. EAKON: You would modify it.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All right.

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12 MR. FISHER: I have another question. This
13 would just be a point of clarification, because sometimes
14 when we get back to the office Helga comes to me or I come
15 to Helga -- and, well, what did he really want to do there?
16 So, you also included Uganik and Kodiak Island? You added
17 those?

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right.

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21 MR. FISHER: Okay.

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23 MS. CHIVERS: And Ban?

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And Ban?

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, just the way it
28 reads in this proposal right here on page 30. The only
29 thing I'm changing is the date -- from September 25th to
30 the 15th -- and then, one per household. Then the season
31 will be closed by announcement of the Refuge Manager,
32 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, and then the combined
33 Federal/State harvest reaches 15 percent.

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35 MR. FISHER: Thanks.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: So, a motion made by
38 Pete Squartsoff to modify the proposed regulation on Unit 8
39 elk. Do I hear a second?

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41 MR. GUNDERSON: I'll second.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Discussion? Call for
44 question?

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46 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Question.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify
49 by saying aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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5 (No opposing responses)

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Thank

8 you.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Now, I would like to make

11 a motion to adopt as.....

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13 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Amended.

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF:amended.

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17 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Second.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Pete

20 Squartsoff to adopt the proposal as amended. Second by Al

21 Cratty. Discussion?

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23 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: All in favor signify

26 by saying aye.

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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32 (No opposing responses)

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Thank

35 you. Okay, the next item on our agenda is Proposal WP01-

36 15, which would establish customary and traditional use for

37 goat in Unit 8 and, also, establish a goat hunting season

38 in Unit 8. Introduction of proposal, Helga?

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40 MS. EAKON: Okay, this proposal was split

41 into two parts by the staff. This first is 15a, which

42 addresses the customary and traditional use determination

43 portion, the second would address the harvest season for

44 goats in Unit 8, and Pat Petrivelli will address the C&T

45 portion.

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47 MS. PETRIVELLI: Hello. I'm Pat

48 Petrivelli, the staff anthropologist, and Proposal 15 was

49 submitted by Ivan Lukin of Port Lions, and I address the

50 C&T -- the customary and traditional use determination.

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1 Ivan Lukin requested it for the residents of Kodiak Island,
2 and so I looked at -- on page 45, has a table with all the
3 populations of the Kodiak Island Borough and those numbers,
4 of course, include people living on Afognak Island also,
5 besides just Kodiak Island and that's just because they get
6 their mailing address in Kodiak, so it's hard to separate
7 out Afognak Island. But that's just a note of interest.

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9 And, then, the other thing that this
10 proposal brings up is the idea that goat is a transplanted
11 species. And, in Kodiak, on page 44, is a table showing
12 transplanted species throughout the State, but of
13 particular interest are the species on Kodiak Island and
14 there's eight species that have been introduced to Kodiak
15 Island since 1924 and the only two that don't have a
16 customary and traditional use determination are goat and
17 sheep and that's because the sheep transplant didn't take.
18 But, with the goat, the reason there is no Federal
19 subsistence priority for goat at this time is because we
20 retained the determination made by the State, and the State
21 made a determination in 1991 and they looked at the history
22 of goat use on the island and ruled that there wasn't
23 enough time to grant a positive use determination.

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25 The goats were transplanted in '52, and
26 then the actual harvesting of goats began in '68. In going
27 through the eight factors by the residents, with the one --
28 there is an indirect use of goat just through objects that
29 I could find in the record and that was shown in 1883, but
30 the direct use didn't begin until 1968. The goats were on
31 the island, but no one harvested them until 68.

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33 The permits issued are on 47, and the
34 sources I used were the harvest database to look at the use
35 of goats and, then, the ADF&G subsistence household use
36 surveys. The harvest database shows the use from 1986 to
37 1998, so it's just those years, and Ivan Lukin pointed out
38 he's lucky to get a permit once every five years because
39 it's only been a drawing permit so all the harvest database
40 shows is the number of permits awarded. So, people could
41 have been applying all those years, but whether they
42 applied for it, these are just the permits that were
43 awarded during that time period. And it showed that
44 Kodiak, Port Lions, Old Harbor, Larsen Bay, Bells Flats and
45 Karluk received permits and, of course, Karluk just
46 received one and Bells Flats got two. The other places
47 that got the other permit levels -- there's 351 permits
48 that were issued to other people that don't live in Unit 8.

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50 The actual households using Fish and Game

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1 study showed that between 1.3 and 16 percent of the
2 households in Old Harbor, Kodiak, Port Lions and Larsen Bay
3 use goat. And then, of course, the seasons -- I only
4 looked at the regulatory season because I didn't have any
5 other information, but the regulatory season has pretty
6 much been between September 1 and October 31st. It
7 currently is September 1 to October 31st.

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9 The pattern of use and methods and means --
10 it's not described in any of the literature because people
11 describe the more common activities, but generally goats
12 are harvested. Well, I called up Ivan Lukin to see how
13 people use goat, and they hunt them just as they hunt deer
14 and elk, using rifles, and it's a subsistence resource.
15 And then I looked at the areas, and half of the goat appear
16 on Federal lands, and half of the harvest is on Federal
17 lands. The other thing I should mention about the permits
18 is in the State permit supplement, people are encouraged to
19 submit to apply for more than one permit area and there's
20 eight goat permit areas -- or there's eight hunting areas
21 for Kodiak Island -- and people are encouraged to apply for
22 more than one and, usually, the residents of Kodiak Island
23 apply for the three, or more than one, and villages will
24 usually apply for the ones by their village.

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26 In looking at the means of handling,
27 preparing and preserving and then the pattern of use of
28 handing down knowledge of fishing and hunting and then a
29 pattern of use where it's distributed, generally goats are
30 like the other subsistence resource used in the area. And
31 then the last factor, number 8, is the pattern of use which
32 relates to a reliance upon a wide diversity of fish and
33 wildlife resources of the area. All of the communities on
34 Kodiak Island use subsistence resources, and they'll have a
35 diversity of use.

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37 My preliminary recommendation was that the
38 residents of Kodiak Island, the Kodiak Road Area, Larsen
39 Bay, Old Harbor and Port Lions be given a positive
40 customary and traditional use of goat based upon the
41 evidence presented in the harvest permit data and the ADF&G
42 subsistence household surveys.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And questions for Pat?
45 Speridan?

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47 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: How did you determine
48 that the Kodiak, Port Lions and the other villages is given
49 this determination without including Akhiok. I know we use
50 goats in Akhiok.

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1 MS. PETRIVELLI: And if I'd known of that
2 use, I would have included it in the report. But I didn't
3 find any written information about. But, it know of people
4 -- at the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Roger
5 Smith did mention that people from Akhiok did harvest goat.
6 But, they must not have done it under this permit system.
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8 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Was there any effort
9 made to interview people from the villages that are not
10 included?
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12 MS. PETRIVELLI: Well, I did make an
13 attempt to call some people but, unfortunately, it was at
14 inconvenient times and I didn't get ahold of them before.
15 But I did try to call -- an informal, just to fill out the
16 information -- and I was given your name to call about use,
17 and I missed talking to you.
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19 MR. SIMEONOFF, SR.: Well, I'm sorry you
20 didn't get ahold of me.
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22 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Al?
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24 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, Pat, I'd like to
25 just say this. I think we should start looking at Kodiak
26 as a sport hunting area, and the villages as subsistence
27 areas. I think the people in the villages want the hunts
28 for subsistence, not for sport. And that's something we
29 should look at. I just wanted to say that.
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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other comments for
32 Pat? Questions? Hearing none, we'll move on. ADF&G? Did
33 we determine if someone was going to be here?
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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah.
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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete? I'm sorry.
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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I talked to Larry Van
40 Daele, and he was hoping that we could hold off until he
41 would be here tomorrow so he could make ADF&G comments.
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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Let's concur
44 with the Council. We will hold off on ADF&G comments until
45 tomorrow when Larry is available. No objection? Summary
46 of written public comments, Helga?
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48 MS. EAKON: Okay. Before the Kodiak Fish
49 and Game Committee meeting on Monday night we had not
50 received any written public comments, so none were included

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1 in your booklet. However, at the Fish and Game Committee
2 meeting we were given a petition to be included into the
3 record of this Regional Council meeting and, also, they
4 said it should be passed on to the Federal Subsistence
5 Board when it convenes in May. This regards Proposal 15,
6 Unit 8, Goats. I'm just going to read their statements for
7 the record. This is dated February 8, of '01: We the
8 following residents of Kodiak Island, are in favor of
9 maintaining the status quo of game management technique as
10 it relates to mountain goats, e.g., drawing of permits. We
11 are against the proposal to make the taking of mountain
12 goats a subsistence activity. There is no customary and
13 traditional use of this resource in Unit 8 and subsistence
14 hunting would destroy the resource. This petition was
15 signed by 261 people. Each Council member was provided a
16 copy of this petition, as was the court reporter, David
17 Burrows.

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19 And, after the meeting, we received some
20 faxes from people who attended the meeting where the person
21 specifically requested reading his or her comments into the
22 record. I will do so. I will give their name and the gist
23 of their comment. Is that okay? All right.

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25 The first one came from John Witteveen,
26 who's a member of the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory
27 Council, and I think it was their intent that this be read
28 verbatim, so I'm going to go ahead and do it. This is
29 addressed to the Council, Della Trumble, Chair, dated March
30 6, 2001: The Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Board listened
31 to the concerns of approximately 45 members of the Kodiak
32 community on March 5, 2001 concerning Proposal 15. At the
33 conclusion of the meeting, it was clear that those in
34 attendance were opposed to Proposal 15. In fact, not one
35 person in attendance was in favor of this proposal. All
36 members of the Fish and Game Advisory Board in attendance
37 were also opposed to this proposal.

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39 The consensus of the group was that the
40 mountain goats in Unit 8 should not be designated as a
41 subsistence species but are clearly trophy animals.
42 Mountain goats are not indigenous to Kodiak, and the group
43 does not consider the customary and traditional use to be
44 valid. The Alaska Board of Game reaffirmed a negative
45 customary and traditional use of goats in Unit 8 in March
46 of 1991, and the group felt that this negative
47 determination is still valid.

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49 The group was also concerned about the
50 management of the species, and allowing a subsistence hunt

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1 could threaten the goat population on Federal land. The
2 State of Alaska has managed the goat population on Kodiak
3 through a regulated permit hunt that has allowed the
4 population to flourish. Joint management by Federal and
5 State regulators would cause confusion and threaten the
6 well managed system presently in place. Those in
7 attendance noted that nearly 85 percent of the goats
8 harvested by residents of Unit 8 were persons from the
9 community of Kodiak. It is very clear that this group of
10 people does not want goats designated as a customary and
11 traditional use and, therefore, not a subsistence species.
12 The result of this meeting was an overwhelming rejection of
13 Proposal 15, and we therefore request the same action of
14 the Regional Subsistence Board.

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16 The second fax came from a Lisa Booch, B-O-
17 O-C-H, a resident of Kodiak, dated March 8 [sic], and she
18 said that she did attend the meeting on Monday night in
19 Fisherman's Hall, and she thanks the Fish and Game Council
20 for arranging the meeting. Essentially, she says that the
21 current management program in place has resulted in a
22 healthy population of goats that has shown growth -- more
23 goats, more drawing permits each year and a better odds for
24 Mr. Lukin to draw. We have a management program that
25 includes everyone, excludes no one. We can and do use our
26 sports allocations for subsistence. The proposed Federal
27 program is not consistent with protecting this very
28 valuable subsistence and sports resource. Let's get
29 together on this and say no to a subsistence goat
30 designation. Let's not divide or exclude anyone.

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32 We received a fax from Kathy Cole, Kodiak,
33 Alaska, dated March 6th, and she feels that Fish and Game
34 has done a great job in managing the goat population to
35 this point, and she fears that if anything is changed we
36 may not be able to hunt them as the population may be
37 depleted. And, also, not everyone can afford the expense
38 of getting to the refuge to hunt. The areas on the road
39 system for goat hunting will no longer be available. She
40 referenced the petition that everyone had signed -- as we
41 said, 261 people signed. She wanted to attend, but
42 couldn't afford to make the trips to Old Harbor.

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44 We got one from a Mr. Ron Eller of Kodiak,
45 and it was a synopsis of what she [sic] heard at the
46 meeting on Monday night, March 5, and then he underscored:
47 I cannot make any stronger statement then that the adoption
48 of this proposal will place the goat at risk and will lead
49 to its extinction on Kodiak. We need to continue
50 preservation of the goat by means of our State regulated

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1 and management programs already in force. The Federal
2 government provides no value or interest to local area
3 management or any regulatory control. Our first concern
4 and yours should be the conservation and preservation of
5 the mountain goat.

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7 This one here, the commenter [sic] was
8 James Devlin of Kodiak and Edward Pennington of Kodiak, and
9 want this read verbatim: Dear Ms. Chivers, please read
10 this letter regarding Proposal 15. An overwhelming
11 majority of the residents of Kodiak do not want a
12 subsistence goat hunt on Kodiak Island. A subsistence hunt
13 on Kodiak will destroy the goat population which, until
14 now, has prospered under the conservative management of the
15 State Fish and Game Department. Mr. Ivan Lukin needs to do
16 what is right for all of Kodiak Island and withdraw his
17 self-serving proposal for a subsistence goat hunt.

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19 Okay, then we have a fax here from Allen R.
20 -- I believe it's H-U-L-I-N-G, Huling, of Kodiak, and he
21 emphatically wants this proposal -- it needs to be thrown
22 out immediately. He said that he was there at the meeting
23 on Monday, and he's lived in Kodiak for about 16 years. He
24 works as a cub hunting guide, has done so for 15 years.
25 Well, he said he's put in for a goat permit for most of the
26 years that he has been here, and he only drew one time and
27 was not able to attend due to a broken leg. But, he really
28 strongly supports the management the way it is and feels
29 very strongly that the Subsistence Board needs to stay out
30 of it completely. This comment, as with the others, are
31 going to be part of the administrative record. As I said,
32 they have been provided to the court reporter.

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34 Okay, we got another one from Dr. Richard
35 David Johnson. He's a doctor of pharmacy over at Kodiak.
36 Also in agreement with his letter are Timothy R. Hocum,
37 Douglas P. Halstead, Richard Carstens and Jim Greer. He
38 said he's shot two goats in the last five years. He
39 believes that the data contained in the analysis is
40 misleading and conflicting and doesn't support the
41 conclusion that mountain goats should be granted a
42 customary and traditional use status here on Kodiak Island,
43 and he gives the reasons why he feels that the analysis
44 fall short on showing C&T determination. He says, I also
45 find it odd that personal testimony is quoted from several
46 villages, but no one from the town of Kodiak, which
47 represents 94 percent of the users living in Unit 8 is
48 represented in this draft.

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50 And then, finally, we have one, and he said

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1 please read at the Regional Advisory Council meeting, so
2 since he did say so, Madam Chair, I'm going to go ahead and
3 do it. Tony Chaco, C-H-A-C-O: My name is Tony Chaco, and
4 I have lived in Kodiak for 30 years. I first started
5 hunting mountain goat eight years ago and have only known
6 that they were on the island for about 15 years. Mountain
7 goats to my friends and I have always been considered a
8 trophy type animal because of the amount of time that goes
9 into actually bagging one. There is quite a bit of
10 planning, conditioning, and luck that goes into a goat
11 hunt. For someone to say they want to go and shoot a goat
12 to feed a family makes no sense to me.

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14 I have been lucky enough to have been drawn
15 for mountain goat on Kodiak five times. The first hunt
16 that I went on, I had nothing on my mind but coming back
17 from my hunt with a nice hide and horns that I could have
18 mounted and hang in as a trophy for friends to look at.
19 Every goat hunt that I have gone on since then has been for
20 the same reason, for the chance to come back with a hide
21 that I consider to be the most beautiful in the State.

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23 Goat hunting on Kodiak takes a person to
24 places that some consider to be too dangerous for anything
25 but a goat to be. Mountains are always steep, tall, and
26 there is always a bit of walking, packing, and camping to
27 be done. The only way into most of these areas is by
28 Supercub or by fishing/charter boat, and for those who
29 choose a saltwater approach, they must be in great shape
30 and be willing to pass on all the deer that they see in
31 order to bag that goat. The time and money spent on this
32 type of a hunting trip just doesn't seem to be what a
33 traditional hunter would be willing to put in or spend. A
34 person could be in the field with the intent to stay for
35 only 3 days but find that because of weather and location
36 of the goats that he may be there for much longer. I have
37 planned due to bad weather. In the worst case, I was
38 weathered in for an extra seven days. Would someone who
39 was trying to feed his family go through a trip like this
40 for the meat? I wouldn't.

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43 Mr. Lukin says that he has made this
44 proposal to help ease pressure on the deer population. I
45 think that this may hurt the deer population because if a
46 bunch of hunters who were not prepared physically for a
47 goat hunt were to go into the field, they would go ahead
48 and take that deer in front of them once they realize that
49 they have taken on such a big hunt. That deer in front of
50 them is going to be a lot easier to eat than a goat much

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1 higher on the mountain. And that's if they are lucky and
2 get close enough for a shot.

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4 I think that the research done by Mr.
5 Fisher and company also shows that the villagers on the
6 island really show no interest in hunting goat. Three
7 percent of the applicants in the last three years were from
8 the villages; non-residents were more interested in goats
9 at four percent. And Alaska residents from out of Unit 8
10 came in at 34 percent. If these people are trying to show
11 a customary and traditional use of goats, it is not seen in
12 the drawing information, and that is how all other user
13 groups are showing that goat hunting is more a sporting and
14 trophy hunt than subsistence. All these other user groups
15 are willing to pay the money and put in the time that is
16 required to come from out of town to bag a trophy Kodiak
17 mountain goat.

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19 I don't think that a subsistence hunt can
20 be managed with the continued thriving of the goat
21 population because the weather would keep hunters from
22 reporting within the proposed 24 hours. If 80 permits were
23 given out and 110 hunters were in the field, 80 hunters
24 could report they were successful but there would be no way
25 for the other 30 hunters to know this and that would not
26 stop them from shooting a goat that they think they are
27 entitled to. This would then cause an over harvest and
28 would in the end result in a depleting of the resource and
29 a reduction of the number of permits the following year,
30 and it would probably go on like this for years until the
31 hunt was closed for good.

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33 Mountain goats were transplanted to Kodiak,
34 and I think that the customary and traditional use of them
35 has been for trophy and sport hunting. Most all the users
36 groups of goats consider them this way and are willing to
37 keep putting into the State drawing permits to get a chance
38 to hunt them. Managing the resource from two different
39 agencies doesn't seem feasible. If the State has to close
40 its permit drawings in the proposed areas because of a
41 subsistence hunt, it takes away from people in other user
42 groups who would like to hunt in those areas, and it also
43 lowers the chances of the subsistence hunter from drawing a
44 tag.

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46 I am definitely opposed to this proposal
47 and would like to see it rejected. The Alaska Department
48 of Fish and Game does a great job of managing the mountain
49 goat population on Kodiak, and I think that they should be
50 able to continue to do so for the good of the goats and the

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1 hunters and other user groups who wish to enjoy the
2 opportunity to have them around. Thank you, Tony Chaco.

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4 And that is the end of the written public
5 comments, Madam Chair.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Helga. For
8 those of you that are in the audience and have not signed
9 up to testify on this proposal, there are some forms
10 available on the table that you can fill out and turn in if
11 you'd like to do public testimony. At this time, we will
12 open the floor to public comments, and I will ask John
13 Ignaton -- is he in the room? Thank you, John. State your
14 name for the record, please?

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16 MR. IGNATON: Hi, my name is John Ignaton.
17 I'm from Old Harbor and, yeah, I did take goats for
18 subsistence. I never did get drawn for a permit, and I
19 guess if I'd drawn -- Jeff has said it for all of us. And
20 the meat's good. My brother even say it's better than
21 deer.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Does Council have any
24 questions or comments for John at this time? Thank you,
25 John.

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27 MR. IGNATON: Thanks.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Ralph Christiansen?
30 Ralph, you want to state your name, please, for the record?

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32 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Ralph Christiansen, Old
33 Harbor. The subsistence goat hunt would be good, I think.
34 So far, I've been lucky on drawing State permits to get my
35 goats, and every time I get one -- as soon as I get back
36 from the hunt, my phone rings and the meat is distributed
37 among the elders in the village. And I think it would be a
38 good thing, because I put in for years and years and didn't
39 get one and I just started getting permits lately through
40 the State deal or whatever, but I think it would be a good
41 thing for subsistence.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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45 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: And when I go up, I
46 don't go up and look for a trophy. I just go up and get
47 what's there in front of me. I don't sit there in and
48 glass for hours and pick out a trophy or nothing. I just
49 go up and shoot what's in front of me and bring it back.
50 That's all I have to say.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Ralph.
2 Does anybody have any questions or comments?

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, you said you drew
5 through permits, and how many years have you tried? I
6 mean, how many other years that you didn't get drawn? Do
7 you remember?

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9 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: When Fish and Game first
10 came out with the permits, we'd just go into the Fish and
11 Game office and they would give us a permit. Remember? It
12 was like the elk, too. And then they quit doing that and,
13 finally, I got one year before last year and just this last
14 year. And it took that many years, ever since they
15 stopped, just to get it.

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17 MR. SQUARTSOFF: How many years was that?
18 Do you remember?

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20 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: I didn't even keep
21 track. It was quite a while.

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So it's not like you drew
24 three permits out of 10, 12 years, or.....

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26 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Yeah.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF:I don't -- I
29 mean.....

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31 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Longer than that.
32 Probably 15 years.

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34 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Probably three out of 15
35 or however long they been -- since they started permitting.

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37 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Huh?

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Since they start issuing
40 permits and you drew three.

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42 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Yeah.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And you applied every
45 year?

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47 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: No, I went in and got
48 the ones they used to just issue to us. You just walked
49 into Fish and Game, and they'd write you out a permit and
50 send you on your way. But, ever since they stopped doing

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1 that, since the time they stopped, it took that long to get
2 State permits from the drawing.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Does anybody know what
5 year that stopped?

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7 MR. STOVALL: I think it was 1986,
8 according to your.....

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: '86?

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12 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah, '86.

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: When they started the
15 drawing?

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do you have three
18 permits from 1986 until today, or just one permit since
19 they started the drawing permits?

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21 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: I just recently got
22 them. These last three years I've got permits.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: So, it's been a while.

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26 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's a pretty slow
27 percentage.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Al?

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31 MR. CRATTY, JR.: I just wondered, Ralph,
32 when would you first think a good -- if it was to happen --
33 what a good time would be for a goat hunt? What part of
34 the year?

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36 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Probably same time as
37 when the season opens or later when they're down really
38 low. It doesn't really matter to me where they are. I can
39 pretty much climb. But I usually wait for them to come
40 down to a nice low area, and then I get it. And I usually
41 take younger kids with me so they can learn the way that I
42 grew up.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Anyone with questions
45 or comments for Ralph? Thank you, Ralph. Roland Ruoss? I
46 don't know if I'm pronouncing the name -- Ross (ph)?

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48 MR. RUOSS: I'm Roland Ruoss from Kodiak.
49 To give you some background, I run an air taxi in Kodiak,
50 so that's how I'm most familiar with goat hunters and I sit

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1 on the Fish and Game Advisory Committee in town and so I
2 listened to a lot of people on Monday. There was a meeting
3 there. The staff came and explained the proposal to us,
4 and a lot of people came in and expressed their opinions,
5 and I'm the fellow that was quoted in the paper that Jeff
6 read who called it nonsense. So, I'm that guy.

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8 The reason I thought it was nonsense and
9 said so was the idea that there's a problem accessing goats
10 for home use here on Kodiak. I think right now, the way
11 it's set up, everybody -- as little of access as you get --
12 everybody's at least got the same access throughout the
13 community, and maybe the only way to change that would be
14 to cut the off island residents completely out of the hunt
15 because, right now, people came in and testified the same
16 way that Ivan was quoted in the paper and what's Ralph's
17 experience was -- that they've all put in for years and
18 they only got a few times. Some guys got more lucky than
19 others, but the experience has been pretty consistent for
20 everybody living on the island. They put in for a long
21 time -- at least after 1986, when they started doing the
22 permit drawing -- and they've had to be patient and wait.

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24 So, what that tells me is that there's a
25 lot more interested hunters than there are enough goats to
26 satisfy every household that wants to bring a goat home.
27 It's not like elk. There's still a registration hunt on
28 elk because there's enough extra elk that there's still a
29 place on Afognak Island where people can go out on
30 registration and get their elk, and it hasn't hurt the
31 population at all. So I think of elk as being a surplus
32 animal that can support a subsistence hunt. And everybody
33 recognizes deer on Kodiak Island as being a surplus animal
34 that can support a subsistence hunt.

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36 But the ones that can't handle all the
37 hunting pressure have to be regulated in some fashion.
38 And, even if we get a subsistence hunt for goats, the
39 Federal managers will still have to put in some kind of a
40 limited system. Everybody that wants to go can't go, and
41 I'm thinking we'll probably end up with the same deal again
42 -- is they're probably going to recommend some type of a
43 limited permit system where you'll still have to put in,
44 either in your village allocation or as a complete Unit 8,
45 the population will still have to put in and wait in line
46 and be lucky. But, in the end, it won't likely change how
47 many goats Kodiak Island residents can take except if we
48 cut out all the off island hunters, because right now the
49 off island hunters are taking -- what did they tell us --
50 37 percent of the permits go to off island hunters, and

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1 then 63 percent of the permits are left for Kodiak Island
2 hunters.

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4 That's my concern is, if we fragment the
5 management, we might go through all this process and end up
6 right back where we are now. That would be thing that I'd
7 like to see the most attention put to is how do you want to
8 change the permitting? Or how would you engineer a permit
9 system that's going to satisfy what Ivan's concern is, that
10 you've draw a lot or you put in a lot, but you're not able
11 to draw. And I think we can't change that unless we get a
12 bigger goat population. And it's been growing, because
13 they started out with none in '52 and now we got -- the
14 official number is 1,000, but I'd say on a good rough
15 estimate from what I've seen out there, there's probably
16 1,500 goats on Kodiak and they've expanded to probably all
17 of the available habitat. That's the words that Larry Van
18 Daele at the Department uses. He says that now goats have
19 expanded to all of the available habitat. So that's a good
20 sign. Whatever's been working is working fine.

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22 I don't think personally that the feds can
23 do us a better job of managing goats. And I asked that
24 question to the Refuge, and they say that they'll have to
25 increase funding and staff to manage goats. So, we're
26 going to have to wait while the feds come up with the
27 management structure. And I know you guys don't like State
28 management, and I understand that's the main reason why you
29 put the proposal up is to put in a different management
30 structure than State management. But I'm concerned that
31 we're going to end up right back where we were when we
32 started, because you're still going to have a limited
33 number of goats for an unlimited -- well, a large number of
34 hunters anyway. A lot of guys want to go, and there's more
35 hunters than there are goats so they have to divvy up the
36 pie somehow and we'll be right back to where we were with
37 them -- some kind of drawing permit.

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39 That's the one thing I wanted to hear a lot
40 about, is how do you divide up, because I think the
41 proposal itself, it speaks to a concern that guys all over
42 the island are saying the same thing. We put in for the
43 drawing, and we're not getting our permit. But it's not
44 just a village issue, is island-wide, and there's people in
45 town that told me on Monday night that they had put in for
46 10 years and never got drawn. And I don't think we can
47 address that by simply turning it into a subsistence hunt.
48 It's still not going to make the goat population bigger and
49 make the hunter population smaller, unless we chop out
50 those off island residents.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Roland, when you're
2 saying off island, are you talking about residents outside
3 of Unit 8, or.....

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5 MR. RUOSS: Uh-huh.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:that's being
8 residents in the State of Alaska -- that includes residents
9 outside the State of Alaska also?

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11 MR. RUOSS: The State numbers, they just
12 lumped them all together. All the people outside of Unit
13 8, they lumped them all together, and they said that was 37
14 percent.....

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh, I see.

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18 MR. RUOSS:of all the people that
19 drew for goats. So, they didn't tell us how many were out
20 of State, and how many were in State. Oh, and at the
21 meeting on Monday, there was one fellow that spoke about
22 non-resident hunters, but most of the interest was for the
23 local residents of Unit 8. That's where all the heat was
24 coming, from the local guys in Unit 8. The one fellow that
25 spoke up for off island residents was a guide, and his
26 concern was that originally the goats were put on the
27 island probably with the support from, like, State hunt and
28 licenses and I don't know what else -- duck stamps, or
29 whatever they sell to do wildlife programs. He was
30 concerned that a lot of the people that put in money
31 through the hunting programs all over the State probably
32 helped to put the goats on Kodiak, and he said they're
33 going to have a stake in whatever goes on with goat
34 management in Kodiak just because of fairness, as they were
35 part of it when it started.

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37 And, you know, that may be here nor there
38 to this discussion, because we're talking about a
39 subsistence for local residents first, and everything comes
40 after that. And you could argue that the off island
41 residents' interest in goats can still be satisfied on
42 State land. I mean, I think that's valid. They still have
43 access to State run goats, if they want.

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45 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, I got a question
46 for you, Roland. I think what we're looking at here is we
47 want to get a subsistence for the villages for the people
48 that utilize it for the meat, not the sport. What do you
49 think the feelings are there in Kodiak as to that?

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1 MR. RUOSS: Oh, there was a lot of strong
2 comment. That letter from that Tony Chaco fellow, that
3 wasn't the main point that people were putting across in
4 Kodiak -- that they wanted to go out and get their trophy.
5 He speaks to that, but I don't think he was the popular
6 opinion.

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8 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Well, did he understand
9 the economics and what's happening in the villages? I
10 mean, we're getting cut off from all our fisheries. People
11 got to go to the resource and depend on it for living.

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13 MR. RUOSS: Well, I think people understand
14 about fisheries in a big way in Kodiak, you know, being cut
15 off through feds and the sea lions and all that.

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17 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Well, I think we're
18 hurting more in the villages. It's to be seen. When you
19 got a man sitting back there that's got six kids, and he's
20 got to go kill a goat to feed them, that's telling you
21 something.

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23 MR. RUOSS: Right, and that can be
24 addressed somewhere in here. And I listened to Jeff's
25 comment that maybe there can be a village quota, and then
26 divide it up somehow, and I'd be real interested to hear
27 what types of management scenarios you want to do.
28 Because, right now, I listened to -- I think it's Mr.
29 Fisher with the Federal management -- and he'd probably
30 explain what kind of ideas the feds have. But it sounds
31 like it's still going to have to be permitted in some kind
32 of limited fashion, because there appears to be more
33 hunters than there are goats.

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Roland, you know, as board
36 members here we're obligated for the people on the refuge
37 for refuge lands, because the State legislators would not
38 put up to vote to amend the State Constitution.....

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40 MR. RUOSS: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. SQUARTSOFF:where the State would
43 still have control. But they chose not to do that, so this
44 was formed to represent the people in your area. And we
45 have to listen to the people in these remote areas that
46 want subsistence, and this Federal has subsistence
47 priority.

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49 MR. RUOSS: Uh-huh. I understand that.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We're not doing it by
2 choice. We're doing it because we have to do it because
3 the State would not amend the Constitution, legislators.
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5 MR. RUOSS: And there are plenty of people
6 in Kodiak that, faced with a subsistence hunt, would be
7 glad to participate. So that's understood in town, that if
8 there's a subsistence hunt that it does refer to them, that
9 they're residents of Unit 8 and they'd like to participate.
10 But there's still a strong concern that there aren't enough
11 goats to satisfy all the interested hunters in Unit 8 and
12 that some kind of limited permit system still cannot.....
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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I agree. There's not
15 enough goats to satisfy everybody.
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17 MR. RUOSS: So then I'm thinking why do we
18 go through this whole exercise and end up back where we
19 were? That's my concern is that we come up with fragmented
20 management through this.
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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We're obligated to
23 regulate on Federal lands.
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25 MR. RUOSS: And, right now, the hunt is
26 regulated on Federal lands in the fashion that everybody in
27 Kodiak, Unit 8, can participate. It's not satisfactory to
28 everybody, because we've heard that, like Ivan says, you
29 can put in a long time and not get your goat. His opinion
30 is held by a lot of people in the community. But I'm
31 concerned that asking the Federal system to manage it for
32 us isn't going to solve that problem. It's just going to
33 give us another regulatory structure that we're going to
34 have to learn how it works, and it may not satisfy what we
35 originally wanted to do.
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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: How do you determine
38 having the Federal manage it? What do you mean by that?
39 Managing the hunt?
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41 MR. RUOSS: That's what I assume would
42 happen. On Federal lands, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
43 Service would probably end up as the agency then that we
44 all need to go to. Like the elk hunt now.
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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: That's this Board right
47 here.
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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No. That's this Board
50 right here. See, the thing of it is, I think there's a lot

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1 -- I'm getting a sense of a lot of misconception -- couple
2 of things. And then, there was a comment you made that the
3 feds would not be able to manage it. Their people in these
4 refuges are paid to manage whatever kind of wildlife or
5 fish is on that refuge. That's their job, whether
6 they.....

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8 MR. RUOSS: Well, what it is, I asked them
9 that.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE:they don't like
12 it or not. They better be doing it, because that's what
13 they get paid to do.

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15 MR. RUOSS: They do, but they also.....

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: They don't get to pick
18 a species and say we aren't going to do that.
19 Unfortunately, it is part of their job.

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21 MR. RUOSS: Just like the State Fish and
22 Game, though, they've got a budget, so.....

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Our guidelines are
25 totally different from State Fish and Game. The other
26 thing, I think -- you know, and it's been mentioned that it
27 is our priority to provide for the subsistence user first,
28 and when you have a limited resource available and a
29 limited amount that is available to harvest we do have --
30 you know, it is our responsibility to provide for the
31 subsistence user. And, basically, when you look at the
32 whole Unit 8 and this issue with the goat, if those 200
33 permits were actually given all as subsistence permits,
34 then those 200 permits are for all people that are actually
35 residents in Unit 8 and no one else. That does leave out
36 the sports concern. You know, if the concern in Kodiak and
37 the outlying areas is the subsistence user, then that gives
38 them more goats overall and it does disallow for the rest
39 of the hunters in the State and out of State.

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41 The law does say Native and non-Native. It
42 doesn't specify that you have to be a Native of Unit 8, a
43 resident. It's both.

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45 MR. RUOSS: Yeah. I think that's
46 understood in town. There were people that came in, and it
47 wasn't a Native, non-Native issue that was discussed on
48 Monday night. It was an idea of consistent State
49 management has got us this far, that the goat population is
50 healthy, and unfortunately there's not a lot of goats so we

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1 all have to stand in line and wait. But a lot of guys said
2 let's keep it the way it is because it's still fair. We
3 may not like it the way it is, but at least everybody still
4 gets the same small chance to participate. I think that
5 would be the strongest statement there. There was, like
6 Tony Chaco's comments, something about it being a sport
7 hunt and it ought to be a trophy hunt, but that didn't seem
8 to be the strongest message. It was that people wanted to
9 be assured that everybody still had equal access. I think
10 access is a real big item with people all around Kodiak.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I know. I read
13 through a lot of the letters, and I'm getting the sense
14 that they feel that it should be a sport hunt and not
15 associated with subsistence. But that's just my sense at
16 this point. Are there anybody else, Council members, would
17 like to have any questions?

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19 MR. LUKIN: I'd like to tell you part of
20 what motivated me to make this move on this issue here.
21 Some of you remember these pictures here from a while back.

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24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: A couple of years
25 ago.

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27 MR. LUKIN: I'm sure some of you remember
28 these pictures here, and this is part of what moved me to
29 do this. When you get eight or 10 or, whatever -- 20, 30
30 charter boats around Kodiak Island and do stuff like that,
31 and you get the ferry system running into Kodiak, Port
32 Lions that's dropping off hunters -- six to eight hunters
33 on each trip are getting off, and each of them are -- so,
34 you know, in a sense I'll point my fingers at the State
35 also. As far as I'm concerned it's mismanagement with just
36 anybody coming in allowed to take five deer. And you take
37 and look at a picture like that, you can see what's
38 happening to our resource. So, this is pushing us to look
39 at it in concern. And, you know, these animals here, right
40 above this community here, if they're accessible for these
41 people and then you've got a problem with another source
42 that is depleted, you're going to do what it takes to fill
43 that table.

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45 MR. RUOSS: Uh-huh.

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47 MR. LUKIN: It's pretty sad to see stuff
48 like this. I've heard a statement that this guy bragged
49 about 800 deer for that one season right there. And then
50 you combine that with the ferry and how many -- you got 25

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1 or 30 deer, if not more, going out and that many more guys
2 coming in and that many more going out on the next shift,
3 the next following week, you got a serious problem.

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5 MR. RUOSS: But there's clear differences
6 between the deer population and the goat population. The
7 ability of the goat population to sustain a hunt like that
8 is not there. We're going to have a.....

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10 MR. LUKIN: Oh, I agree, and this is not
11 what we're looking at with the goat counts. We're looking
12 at like some of these guys suggested, you know, two, three
13 to the community -- four, five or whatever it could
14 sustain. We're not looking at taking 50, 60 percent of the
15 goat tags. We're looking at whatever can -- I mean, just
16 like Ralph stated earlier. The minute his community knew
17 he got a goat, what happened? I mean, you know, he shared
18 it out with his people.

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20 MR. RUOSS: Uh-huh. Well, that's me. I've
21 never drawn for a goat, and I've eaten goats from family
22 and relatives. That's the only way I've ever eaten goat.
23 And I just figured there's not enough goats to go around,
24 so I never even put in. But I've been able to eat goats
25 and I like them and if there were more goats out there I'd
26 sure be out there hunting them on a registration permit.
27 But, yeah, I like deer hunt as a subsistence hunt. I think
28 it's fine. There's lots of them. I'm just concerned that
29 as a subsistence hunt for goats that we run into the same
30 management problems we're in now. There's not enough to go
31 around.

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33 MR. LUKIN: But I'm sure there's a way we
34 can work around this to fill the needs of, you know, what
35 is available there. I mean, I personally feel that people
36 need to be fair with people.

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38 MR. RUOSS: Oh yeah, yeah. It needs to be
39 fair.

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41 MR. ZACHAROF: Roland, I got a question for
42 you, sir. You made a comment earlier about the population
43 hypothetically about a 1,000 animals. I mean, how are we
44 Alaska Natives going to affect the population? I mean,
45 you're seeing that the resource would be depleted
46 dramatically by the influx of Natives subsisting off of
47 goats. What did you mean by that?

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49 MR. RUOSS: That must be someone else's
50 comment. No, I.....

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1 MR. ZACHAROF: Did he mention that?

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3 MR. RUOSS:don't see it as a Native,
4 non-Native issue, and my personal impression is that if the
5 hunt went to Federal management and perhaps was fragmented
6 like I suggested and we have a less successful management
7 process than we've got now that we might see an increase of
8 unreported hunting. I think that's the official term for
9 it. The hunt could become unregulated and people would hunt
10 on basically informal season and bag limit, and then I'd
11 expect to see areas that are easily accessible to lose
12 their goats. And goats aren't stupid. You know, what I
13 see now is that they move back from where they get
14 pressured and they've been doing that for years and they're
15 thriving around here. So, we're not going to lose the
16 goats. The goats will not be wiped out in any kind of
17 management structure or with no management structure at
18 all. The goats won't be wiped out, but they're going to
19 move away from places where they're generally accessible
20 now under this permit system.

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22 There's spots now that are easier access
23 where there might only be 10 permits left and out of that
24 maybe only three goats taken. So, if there's 30 or 40
25 goats living up in a spot that's easily accessible then
26 they're usually going to stick around there if they only
27 lose a few every year. But if those easy access spots lose
28 15 or 20 goats in a year, the 10 that's left are going to
29 move away.

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31 So, that's what I think. From flying
32 around looking at them, I'd expect to see more goats move
33 into places that are less accessible and people that have
34 easier access to them, if the hunt goes what I would guess
35 would be sort of unregulated and informal, then the people
36 that have the best access to them will get the most goats
37 and the folks that don't, you know, are just going to miss
38 out. So then the point of fairness will be lost. At least
39 right now, as unfair as it is, at least it's equally unfair
40 to everybody, this drawing permit system. You got to wait
41 a long time to get a goat permit here, but everybody waits
42 together.

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44 MR. ZACHAROF: I thought you made that
45 comment, so.....

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47 MR. RUOSS: Oh, no. No, I don't see it as
48 a Native, non-Native issue. When I first thought about
49 subsistence issues -- I don't want to take up all your time
50 here -- but I thought subsistence issues were fish, marine

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1 mammals, birds, caribou, moose.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: No.

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5 MR. RUOSS: I never thought of it as
6 introduced species. This completely blindsided me. I
7 thought, wait a minute. Goats? That's a whole different
8 issue.

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10 MR. ZACHAROF: I think they probably ate
11 goats long before you came to Alaska, probably.

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13 MR. RUOSS: Except not on Kodiak Island,
14 you know. They got delivered here by ship or airplane, I
15 guess, by goose. Somebody told me today he talked to the
16 guy that flew them on in '52.

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18 MR. GUNDERSON: I think this issue is going
19 to come up in a number of different places around the
20 State, because there's been animals introduced into
21 different areas, and they're unmanaged. Some of them are
22 basically being run by Native corporations. Others are
23 herds owned by individuals. So, this issue is going to
24 come up more than one time. But my feeling with about this
25 thing with the goats is I think there's going to be a set
26 number set by either the State or the feds how many animals
27 could be harvested per year, and I think each one of the
28 communities should be allocated a certain amount of those,
29 and then the rest are up for drawing, is my personal
30 feeling about it.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Does anybody else have
33 any other comments for Roland?

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35 MR. RUOSS: Okay. Thank you for your time.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Freddie Christiansen?

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39 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Hi. My name is Freddie
40 Christiansen from Old Harbor. I've lived here for 41
41 years, and I guess I just want to take a step back and just
42 mention the reasons of why this Federal Advisory
43 Subsistence Board was implemented. In my experience and my
44 meetings that I've attended over the years have been that
45 the -- when I hear the people, you know, raising havoc
46 about Federal management, Federal takeover, I don't blame
47 anybody but the State government for that -- that the
48 legislators in Juneau had the opportunity to allow a vote
49 to go to the people to vote on amending the State
50 Constitution to include rural. And I just wanted to state

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1 for the record that I don't agree with a lot of rhetoric
2 that's out there blaming the feds for what's occurring.
3 The feds presence is here because they're just complying
4 with what they agreed to under ANILCA. In fact, I'm happy
5 that the legislators are doing what they're doing. I think
6 they're doing an excellent job by allowing the Federal
7 Subsistence Advisory Councils to exist.

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9 And then I'll just get on the issue about
10 the goats. I believe that any animals that are within the
11 proximity of any community -- whether they be indigenous or
12 whether they be Native or whether they be transplanted --
13 that the rural residents of any community, you know, should
14 have access to those. I've lived in an era where, you
15 know, we haven't been able to get the time of day at a lot
16 of these meetings that we've attended up until just
17 recently, and that's when the feds stepped in and took the
18 subsistence issue and implemented these councils and what
19 have you. Up until then, we couldn't get the time of day
20 out of our so-called friends in Kodiak, which I didn't know
21 we had any to begin with. But, you know, some of the guys
22 think that they don't want to make two different types of
23 residents of Kodiak Island. Well, I always thought there
24 was. You know, not because I believe in that way or the
25 Native people believe in that way, but just the way that
26 everything is proportioned out and distributed out.

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28 The villages always get the shaft on
29 everything. And, specifically, in my region -- and I can
30 only speak to my region -- but I also can say that serving
31 on a statewide board of Native people that it's not only
32 here. It's everywhere. And I think that there comes a
33 time when, you know, there has to be equality and fairness,
34 and I think that the time is now. And, as far as the
35 subsistence goat hunts, I totally support them. I think
36 that the people, like I've stated, they've been -- I can
37 document 20-something years ago where there was a couple of
38 people in a village that had taken a couple of goats for
39 subsistence purposes and ate them and that's really what it
40 was about. It had nothing to do with going sports hunting
41 or, you know, getting antlers or fur. It was mainly about
42 getting food. And as I listen to some of the testimonies
43 of some of the people from Old Harbor and Kodiak Island
44 that, you know, these communities are all going to become
45 ghost towns. Subsistence foods become more important than
46 they have in the last four years because of the loss of
47 opportunities to be allowed to be harvesters of the natural
48 marine resources.

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50 You know, look at where we're located.

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1 We're located just in proximity of some of the largest
2 halibut beds in the world. But, yet, due to the policy and
3 due to everything that has occurred, the people of Old
4 Harbor, you know, on a very minimal basis, don't have very
5 many IFQ's, and so I believe all of these things are going
6 to contribute to allowing the villages to continue to
7 exist. I realize that, also, serving on other boards, that
8 you guys have a very difficult job but I do believe with
9 the insight that you guys have and the experience and the
10 knowledge that you have -- I've been an advocator for local
11 and traditional knowledge for, you know, 30 years of my
12 life. I've believed in it. I've actually heard the first
13 term of that back when I was a 10 year old kid, which
14 really didn't mean much to me at the time. But, as I grew
15 older and started realizing what they actually meant, I
16 believe that if local and traditional knowledge would have
17 been allowed to be incorporated in some of our resources --
18 you know, king crab and shrimp and stuff like that -- that
19 we would still have an abundance of that today. And so I
20 commend you guys' efforts and I know that there's times
21 that you guys take a lot of heat but we all do. You know,
22 that's been one of the challenges of our lives.

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24 I also commend the Federal government's
25 presence in Alaska and making sure that the rural people
26 are getting their fair share of the pie. I want to close
27 with, you know, if we left everything status quo that that
28 would satisfy the people in Kodiak. Obviously, that's
29 what their testimony is saying, is that the feds don't know
30 how to regulate. They don't know how to manage, whatever,
31 you know. I disagree with that, but I just want to say
32 that if we leave it status quo that it's only satisfying
33 their needs and that's basically what we've done my entire
34 life. You know, we've went by what they wanted, and it
35 never contributes to the equality that I want to see. And
36 I could speak on the education, funding, just the way they
37 distribute it to the communities. I mean, the list goes
38 on, and everyone of you guys know exactly what I'm
39 referring to, you know?

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41 So, I just commend you guys' efforts and,
42 along with the staff that's here, and all the other guys
43 that are involved that I've had the opportunity to get to
44 know -- you know, in the Department of Interior. You know,
45 from a subsistence standpoint of view, this is very
46 important, and I believe that all of the animals, whether
47 they be transplanted or whether they be indigenous to the
48 land that they be considered for subsistence take. Thank
49 you.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Freddie.
2 Do we have any comments or questions for Freddie?

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4 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Thanks.

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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Good job.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Good job.

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10 MR. CHRISTIANSEN: Thank you. Tony?

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12 MR. AZUYAK: Azuyak.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Tony, would you state
15 your name for the record, please?

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17 MR. AZUYAK: Tony Azuyak, Old Harbor Tribal
18 Council. On the goat issue, subsistence is just a word.
19 We live off the land, and that's what they call
20 subsistence. The goat live off our land. I'd like to
21 commend the board on providing us to get subsistence on
22 other animals, and I'd like to put in a word for goat and
23 like that have that looked at. Other resources, like
24 clams, they're contaminated. We can't have that. We have
25 to go look elsewhere, and goat being one of them just can
26 come in handy when the other resources are not available.

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28 These committees that bring up things
29 against us, that shouldn't be right because we live off the
30 land. Subsistence is just a word, and their goats are
31 living off our land. Other issues like different villages
32 not being able to get them, that they should be allowed to
33 the villages like Akhiok. I don't know why they were left
34 out. Ouzinkie, I believe, was left out. I could see why
35 they were left out. It's hard for them to get those goats
36 in their area. But the goats are here in Old Harbor, and
37 they're off our land.

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39 I wish Jeff Peterson was here to reply on
40 the testimony right now. I'm sorry he had to leave.
41 That's all I got, Madam Chair. Thanks.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tony. Does
44 anybody have any questions or comments for Tony? Thank you
45 very much, Tony. Would it be acceptable at this time to go
46 ahead and take a break, or do we have -- we have one more
47 public testimony, and we'll do that and then take a break?

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49 MR. GUTTER, JR.: My testimony will just be
50 brief.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Will be what?

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Brief.

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5 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Okay, that will
6 be just fine. George Gatter, Jr.?

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8 MR. GATTER, JR.: Yeah.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: George, come up and
11 state your name for the record.

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13 MR. GATTER, JR.: Hello. A lot of familiar
14 faces here, say hello to everybody. I'd just like to say
15 that Old Harbor is a pretty traditional village as far as
16 subsistence use and that the people don't heavily depend on
17 subsistence but they enjoy the subsistence way of life, and
18 that's why a lot of people live here. With the time of
19 year, and harvest levels and things like that and the
20 availability of items to harvest, we do need to expand our
21 subsistence use to various species, whether it be the goat,
22 or the bear or other uses, whether it's traditional or if
23 it's a new subsistence use. This kind of helps take the
24 pressure off of other things such as, you know, our
25 declining seal population or declining stellar sea lion
26 population which has an effect on -- you know, those levels
27 are down, and I'd like to just say that it would be good to
28 have this sort of subsistence use. I think I speak for
29 everyone when I say that we love to go out, you know, and
30 harvest our own food. It's a way of life. So, that's
31 about all I have to say.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Anybody
34 have any comments? Thank you very much.

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36 MR. GATTER, JR.: Thank you.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Before we take a
39 break, I really would like to commend everybody for the
40 really good testimony and coming forward. I also would
41 like to make a point that I really appreciate the fact, and
42 I think this Council does, that people didn't get personal
43 in their testimony. And, seeing some of the written
44 documentation, it does concern me the personal attacks on,
45 you know, members that have initiated these proposals
46 without really understanding and the knowledge why and it's
47 really kind of disheartening, I think, to some degree.

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49 You know, it was brought up to our
50 attention that all of this that -- you know, as a Council

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1 we are -- our obligation and responsibility is to the
2 subsistence user. Ultimately, it's part of our obligation
3 and responsibility to maintain that a resource remains
4 viable. We're not doing this without understanding and
5 making decisions about the repercussions and effects of it,
6 and we do monitor a lot of these closely on the co-
7 management issue with the State and Federal and the local
8 people. I know in our region on the caribou, it's just an
9 excellent example.

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11 Given that, I do want to thank everybody
12 for the participation, and I think it was very well done.
13 Fifteen minute break?

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15 (Off record)

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17 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: At this time, we've
18 talked a little bit, and the next item on this would be the
19 Regional Council recommendation and justification, and we
20 also have one more report that would be the discussion on
21 the limits and other in regard to this. And, if it's
22 acceptable to the Council, at this time we will table this
23 issue until tomorrow, do that report, then get the ADF&G
24 comments and report on both of these items and then do
25 Council discussion and deliberations. Is that acceptable
26 at this time? Do I hear a motion to.....

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Motion.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion made by Pete to
31 table this until tomorrow.

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33 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Second.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Al Cratty.
36 Discussion?

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38 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Question.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Call for question.
41 Motion made and second. All in favor signify by saying
42 aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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48 (No opposing responses)

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50 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Motion carried. Given

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1 that, at this time we will continue on with agency reports.
2 I do have one item I'd like to mention before we do this.
3 Tomorrow, we've been invited to the school, so if we can
4 take an hour and a half lunch tomorrow and then spend a
5 half hour at the school to visit with the kids, everybody
6 that's a Council member and staff member, I think that
7 would be a really nice thing and they would like us to come
8 up there so keep that in mind.

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10 The next item under 10, agency reports, is
11 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Subsistence Management, Tab
12 F.

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14 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Tab E.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Was it E? It's right
17 there.

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19 MR. CRATTY, JR.: We haven't done E.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Oh. Oh, okay, I see.
22 We've got Tab E, Item 9. It would be open floor to change
23 Federal subsistence fisheries regulations and customary use
24 and traditional use determinations. Is that one of yours,
25 Al?

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27 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Unh-unh. Mine's 11.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: This is where it should
30 be, though.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: This is where is
33 should be at, though.

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35 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah. I think you put it
36 in the wrong place.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think we did. I
39 think we kind of -- is this where Al's proposal should
40 maybe -- no? Okay. Tim.

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42 MR. JENNINGS: Madam Chair, Tim Jennings,
43 Office of Subsistence Management. The proposal that Al had
44 talked about is a studies project which will come up in a
45 few minutes under agency reports when Larry Buklis covers
46 the schedule for the studies plan for 2002. Under Tab E,
47 this is an opportunity for the Council or for any member of
48 the public to submit a fisheries regulatory proposal to
49 change subsistence fisheries regulations, and one item that
50 we noted earlier in the meeting is we will have staff

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1 follow up with Mark Olsen to decide if he wants to modify
2 and/or resubmit Proposal 43 from last year. And you'll
3 note that the deadline for submitting the fisheries
4 regulatory proposals is open until March 30th.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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8 MR. JENNINGS: So, if you don't have
9 anything at this time that you'd like to submit or discuss
10 we can pick it up later in the meeting if you want to have
11 a chance to talk about it amongst yourselves, or after the
12 meeting too. If you let staff know that you have a
13 proposal that you'd like to submit, we can work with you to
14 fill out the form and get it submitted on time.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. I think at this
17 time, if it's acceptable, we'll kind of table this one
18 until maybe Council members have a chance to discuss
19 amongst themselves if there's any other proposal we'd like
20 to submit and have this later on in the agenda.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Or the public?

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Or the public, yeah.

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26 MR. JENNINGS: Or the public. Staff can
27 help the public also as well to submit a proposal.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. So, if anybody
30 in the public would like to think about doing something,
31 there are people here that will help them put something
32 together. Thank you. Then, I guess we'll go ahead and
33 move on to the agency reports, Tab F.

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35 MR. JENNINGS: Okay, Madam Chair, the first
36 four reports are going to be done by Larry Buklis.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you.

39 MR. BUKLIS: Thank you, Madam Chair. My
40 name is Larry Buklis. I'm a fishery biologist and a team
41 member for the Kodiak/Aleutians region. Helga wanted me to
42 mention there are the new fishery regulation booklets.
43 They should be on the table, and you should have copies so
44 that would be the basis for any new regulations you want to
45 propose relative to what Tim was talking about. So the
46 current fishery regulations are in your booklets, and that
47 would be what you'd be amending or changing with your
48 proposals.

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50 Okay, for agenda item 10, under capital A,

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1 Fish and Wildlife Service, as Tim mentioned I'll be
2 covering the first four subitems and those are referenced
3 under Tab F in your books. The first item, item A,
4 partnerships for fisheries monitoring: The first three
5 pages behind Tab F is a two-page letter and a summary sheet
6 on these partnerships, and I'll highlight a few points for
7 you on this item. Carl Jack is our Native liaison in the
8 Office of Subsistence Management, and he'll be working with
9 the Councils and the Office of Subsistence Management staff
10 and the Federal Subsistence Board -- Mitch Demientieff and
11 the Federal board -- on many issues, and this is one that
12 he is working on with other staff. You may have met Carl
13 already, and, if not, you'll be meeting him in the future.
14 The letter that Mitch Demientieff signed makes a number of
15 points which I'll highlight.

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17 There is to be funding for nine field staff
18 that are going to be working Alaska Native and rural
19 organizations, and these positions are intended to provide
20 assistance with project development, with identification of
21 subsistence issues, community outreach and education,
22 training and coordination of management and project
23 activities. So, that's the scope of work that these nine
24 positions are to do. It's intended that there be six
25 fishery biologists and three anthropologists. As you know,
26 we have fishery biologists and anthropologists on staff in
27 OSM, and Pat and I are an anthropologist and fishery
28 biologist, but professionals in those fields would be
29 working directly for tribal and rural groups to compliment
30 what we're doing and further what we're trying to
31 accomplish.

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33 The intent is to get these partnerships up
34 and running as soon as possible. This letter is written to
35 tribal organizations trying to initiate sort of a
36 government-to-government communication between the Federal
37 board and these rural tribal organizations, trying to get
38 comments back on the proposed program before it's actually
39 let for contracting. The letter asks for comments from the
40 tribal organizations by March 15th. That next page, which
41 is that attachment summary sheet, lists four main subject
42 areas.

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44 The first one there is local involvement in
45 Federal Subsistence Fisheries Program. That merely lays
46 out the purposes of this initiative. The second area is
47 implementing partnerships in fishery monitoring. That
48 describes the geographic coverage. I'm on that third page
49 behind Tab F. That lists the geographic coverage. As you
50 know, there's 10 Regional Councils around the State, but

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1 some of those are grouped together so that there's six
2 study regions. When we talk about these fisheries
3 projects, the State is organized into six study regions.
4 And so these six fishery biologists -- at this point, it
5 would be envisioned that these fishery biologists would be
6 placed one in each study region, and then the
7 anthropologists would need to cover the State more broadly.
8 There would be three anthropologists for the State, and so
9 this second area talks about how the study regions are
10 organized. The Kodiak/Aleutians region is combined with
11 Bristol Bay, Alaska Peninsula into one large region.

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13 The third subject area in the attachment
14 talks about the requests for proposals, and that mainly
15 talks about the time line we're working on. There's
16 different 60-day and 45-day periods for the different
17 steps. But, in the end, the goal is to get these positions
18 advertised and filled as soon as possible and probably by
19 this fall. And it may be that we have about seven out of
20 nine filled by this fall as a goal. As I understand it,
21 the steps would involve tribal organizations, rural
22 organizations, regional organizations bidding for these
23 positions, and then the winning bidders would then turn
24 around and hire a professional to fill the position. So,
25 OSM would not be hiring directly. OSM would be selecting
26 the groups out in the areas to do this work, and then the
27 groups would hire their staff. So it's kind of a two-stage
28 process.

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30 The fourth and final item in that summary
31 sheet attached to Mitch's letter is called cooperative
32 agreements, and that, as I read it, basically lays out the
33 qualifications they're looking for. There isn't a specific
34 role for the Council in this at this point. This is
35 primarily informational, and we would intend to keep you
36 informed as this develops through the summer and fall.
37 Hopefully, by the time you meet at your next regular
38 meeting in the fall, these positions will be up and
39 running.

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41 Madam Chair, that's all I had in prepared
42 comments on that first agenda item.

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44 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Are there any
45 questions for Larry in regard to this issue? Comments?
46 Hearing no, continue on.

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48 MR. BUKLIS: Okay, Madam Chair. Item B is
49 the 2001 Fisheries Monitoring Plan update. There isn't a
50 good reference in your notebooks on this but I brought a

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1 supplemental handout, which was on the side table, but I've
2 got additional copies if you didn't pick one up earlier.
3 And there's copies for the public that they can pick up
4 later if they don't have one now. This agenda item is
5 speaking to the fisheries project activities, not
6 regulatory proposals, and these are the projects that are
7 targeted for this summer, 2001. As you know, there was a
8 joint Council meeting in Anchorage in early February -- 6th
9 and 7th, I believe -- at which time the Councils were
10 presented with draft study plans and input was requested.

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12 Since that time, there was a Federal
13 Subsistence Board meeting on February 26th, at which the
14 board took action on the draft study plans, and the table
15 that Michelle has handed out -- the packet, which is a
16 series of tables -- summarizes the decision of the Federal
17 board. And, so, these are the projects that will go
18 forward with board approval. And, at this time, the staff
19 back in Anchorage are working on the grant and contract
20 materials so that funds can be let and project activities
21 can begin.

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23 Specific to your interests, that first page
24 is the statewide breakdown and, as we talked about this,
25 there's six study regions and then there's the
26 interregional for studies that cross boundaries amongst two
27 or more regions. And so, the third one down: Bristol Bay,
28 Alaska Peninsula, Kodiak, Aleutians; 8 projects for 2001.
29 Four are in that stock, status and trends type category.
30 Two are in harvest monitoring, and two are in TEK, or
31 traditional ecological knowledge. And then if you look on
32 the second page, those are the budget details in kind of a
33 big, broad brush. Those are thousands of dollars. And,
34 so, it's got the geographic regions and study types broken
35 down, and in grand total at the very bottom it's just over
36 \$7.2 million approved for funding activity which is right
37 on target. It leaves a small surplus, but it's basically
38 right on target, fully expended.

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40 And then, there's a table-by-table listing
41 for each study region and table number 3 in the detail
42 tables is the study region most of interest to you. It's
43 called Bristol Bay-Alaska Peninsula/Kodiak-Aleutians study
44 plans. These are the ones for 2001 that have been approved
45 and are going to go forward. As I looked down the list
46 coming to the meeting, there were specifically two that
47 were in the Kodiak/Aleutians part of this combined region
48 in stocks, status and trends: Project 059 and Project 206;
49 the estimation of sockeye salmon escapement into McLees
50 Lake, Unalaska Island; and then 206, the estimation of

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1 sockeye and coho salmon escapement in Mortenson Creek,
2 Izembek Refuge. Those two projects are going forward.

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4 The budgets have been identified for three
5 years. These were three-year horizons on these projects,
6 and the funding that we talked about adding up to \$7.2
7 million is for year one, with a full intention of funding
8 years two and three for projects that go for several years,
9 but those would come up the next year. And so, as the next
10 year funding comes up, the first priority will be to fund
11 year two activities for these approved projects and only
12 the remainder would be available for new work.

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14 It's a lot of detail, so maybe I should
15 just stop there and see if you have any questions about
16 this 2001 packet of detail.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: What's not listed in
19 here is the current ones that are existing, which is the
20 Buskin River, right, that's ongoing?

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22 MR. BUKLIS: Yes, Madam Chair. The year
23 2000 activities that had been funded and the year 2002
24 ideas that are being brought to the table are not in this
25 packet. This is 2001, new starts.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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29 MR. GUNDERSON: The proposals that we'd
30 submitted at the joint board meeting here a while back,
31 those won't show up until next year then? There were
32 several proposals put in.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That's 2002.

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36 MR. GUNDERSON: Oh, okay, because I was
37 looking through here for them and I didn't see them so I
38 was wondering what the process was there.

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40 MR. BUKLIS: Next on our agenda when we
41 move will be 2002 and, when we get to that, I will mention
42 that new ideas like I think you're mentioning and then that
43 didn't get funded can carry over and be reconsidered.

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45 MR. GUNDERSON: Uh-huh.

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47 MR. BUKLIS: So, if something didn't get
48 funded that had been in the mill up until now, you will
49 probably see it on my 2002 summary table.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Maybe just to discuss
2 that -- I know we talked about this when we were in
3 Anchorage about a month and a half ago -- on the proposals
4 that were resubmitted from our region that didn't get
5 accepted, we talked about as a group that they will be
6 resubmitted. But can we, maybe before we leave Old Harbor,
7 go through those to make sure the Council -- on the ones
8 that didn't get accepted -- maybe wanted to be amended or
9 changed prior to them being resubmitted, because there were
10 some discrepancies in the proposals that we looked at.
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12 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair, I think that's
13 certainly within the scope of what you might want to do.
14 My understanding is the deadline for submitting
15 preproposals for 2002 was February 15th, but a 2001 concept
16 which hadn't gotten funded, like you may be talking about,
17 those ideas had already been worked up to the investigation
18 plan stage. And investigation plans for these 2002
19 projects aren't going to be due until June. And so, 2001
20 carryover projects are already investigation plans, and so
21 my understanding is you've got until the investigation
22 plans are due to amend any 2001 kind of recycled ideas.
23 So, even though the submission date has come and gone for
24 2002, the 2001 carryover work is already investigation plan
25 material and so you've got through the next several months
26 before those are due. And so I think there is time to
27 amend 2001 project ideas, yes.
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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any other
30 questions or comments? Continue.
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32 MR. BUKLIS: Okay. Item C on your list is
33 2002, which we're kind of touching on, the 2002 Fisheries
34 Monitoring Plan update. On this, there is some material in
35 your book and then I've got something else to hand out in a
36 few minutes. But, in the prepared booklet, it would be the
37 last couple of pages in Tab F. You have to skip over
38 something, but there should be two pages that look like
39 this. The last two pages in the book, under F. It's the
40 call for proposals for 2002 and then a table, or chart,
41 which lays out a conceptual time line for how we move
42 through these decisions. Some of this has been flexed a
43 little bit later, pushed a little later.
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45 The call for preproposals, that's kind of
46 behind us now. They were due February 15th, but it's kind
47 of for your reference. And then the chart of time line,
48 this time line that we're moving on to now is seen as the
49 more, hopefully, future normal schedule. This is the third
50 time around now for project proposals, and the first two

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1 were a do the best we can approach to a new program that
2 was being implemented quickly.

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4 For 2002, we're moving on to what we hope
5 to have as the normal sequence, and the advantage of this
6 normal sequence that we're entering into now with this year
7 three of work is that preproposals would be due in the
8 spring, February, and the staff would work through reviews
9 of those, get investigation plans back by June, and then
10 we'd have all of our reviews and these draft study plan
11 ideas pulled together for your review and comment in the
12 fall so that when you come to your normal September-October
13 meeting window, you've already received the draft study
14 plan, you've had some time to look at it, and at your
15 normal meeting you can work through it. Then, the Federal
16 board can make its decision late in the year, like
17 December, and then contracts could be let and field plans
18 could be made in the spring well before the field season.

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20 So, there's a number of advantages to that.
21 One is we don't have those special January or February
22 sessions of the Councils, special effort and expense, to
23 pull together those special meetings to review these things
24 and, also, there's more time to get the field programs in
25 place before the summer season. So, it's been a crunch
26 period having these January-February special sessions, then
27 the Federal board meeting in late February and trying to
28 get these contracts done before the open water season. So,
29 this page with the large number 4 on it that tries to lay
30 out the time line, we're in this first half of the table
31 right now -- having received preproposals and beginning to
32 review them, beginning to process them. Then we make our
33 way through, so that by autumn you would have your Council
34 meetings and you could look at the plans, and then the
35 board could decide by December, well before the 2002 field
36 season.

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38 So that's the call for 2002, the conceptual
39 time frame we're on for 2002 -- we're in that first portion
40 of it. And then I've got a handout if you want to look at
41 what we've received for 2002, since the receipt date is
42 closed now. I know Al has a preproposal on the table. You
43 should see it on this sheet.

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45 This is a one-page, double-sided sheet, and
46 it lists the preproposals -- these little one or two-page
47 preproposal sheets -- that have been received for this
48 region, which includes Bristol Bay, Alaska Peninsula, so
49 this big study region. Steve Reed (ph) is the fishery
50 biologist in that fisheries information group that's

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1 assigned to this region, and so you may have met Steve and
2 worked with him already. He prepared this table for us,
3 and he put in the bold the projects that are in the
4 Kodiak/Aleutians sort of subregion that might most of
5 interest to you. And so, in bold type, to highlight to
6 your attention, are the Kodiak/Aleutians portion of this
7 set of project ideas.

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9 If you'd note under the study numbers
10 column, the way that numbering system works, 01 would be an
11 FY01 idea. So, if there an 01, dash, and a project number,
12 that's a carryover. That's a project that made it all the
13 way to the investigation plan stage but didn't actually get
14 funded by the Federal board last month. And so, per our
15 agreement, it's carrying forward and it will be considered
16 unless retracted by the investigator. So, unless the
17 investigator takes an action to retract it, it's in
18 consideration. And then a project that begins with 02 and
19 a number, that's a new idea for '02. So, there's a mix of
20 those two.

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22 The reason for this carryover rule this
23 time is because of the way these sequences have overlapped.
24 This won't be a standard approach. It's because
25 investigators wouldn't, couldn't have known until after the
26 due date for '02 whether there '01 idea was funded or not,
27 whether they need to change it or not. So to be fair, and
28 not have people guessing and resubmitting just in case, we
29 said whatever wasn't funded will carry over. Don't worry.
30 In the future, they'll be discrete years and you'll know
31 before the next year's due date is over whether you're in
32 or out. So, this carryover rule is to get us through this
33 overlap period between cycles.

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35 So on that first longer side are the stock,
36 status and trends projects. There's five highlighted that
37 are Kodiak/Aleutians. Three are carried over from last
38 year, and two are new. And then on the back side, I saw
39 three for Kodiak Aleutians, all new. That back side is TEK
40 and harvest monitoring, and there's no carryover for this
41 subregion. Those are all new ones. So, a total of eight
42 across disciplines or study types; 3 being carryover, and
43 five being new, if you combine the study types.

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45 Madam Chair, that's all I had on the '02
46 time line and specifics received.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you. Al, would
49 you like to talk about your proposal at this time. I know
50 you wanted to.....

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1 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah, I wanted to get a
2 letter of support from the group here, from the Council, to
3 send to the board. I guess that's what Tim was telling me
4 I should do -- think I should do. Do you want to read
5 this? This is a letter from.....

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We ought to let Helga.
8 Helga read for us.

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10 MS. EAKON: Okay. I'm happy to read.

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12 MR. CRATTY, JR.: That's kind of a letter
13 of support from the refuge in Kodiak, I believe. Is that
14 right, Robert? Pat?

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16 MR. STOVALL: Yes.

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18 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah. That's what it is.

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20 MR. CRATTY, JR.: This will go on the
21 record.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Does everybody in the
24 community know kind of what your proposal is, Al, that's
25 here?

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27 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Well, I think Tony does.
28 Tony sent a letter of support to the tribal -- you can read
29 that, too, if you want.

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31 MS. EAKON: Okay. Madam Chair, members of
32 the Council, this letter is from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
33 Service, Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. It's dated
34 March 2, 2001, addressed to Al Cratty, Jr. through the Old
35 Harbor Tribal Council, and it's signed by Michael Getman,
36 Refuge Manager.

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38 Dear Al, thank you for your letter (fax)
39 regarding your fiscal year 2002 proposal to investigate the
40 feasibility of developing an early run sockeye salmon
41 subsistence fishery in -- how do you pronounce that.....

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43 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Kaiugnak.

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45 MS. EAKON:Kaiugnak Lake, Kodiak
46 Island, Alaska. As you indicated in your correspondence,
47 this project would be located on the Kodiak National
48 Wildlife Refuge, and as such would require the Services'
49 assistance and approval.

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1 In reviewing the feasibility proposal it is
2 clear that it would be classified as a fisheries
3 enhancement project located on refuge lands. In order to
4 initiate any on-site feasibility investigations such as
5 biological sampling or other resource related activities,
6 the principal investigators would need to obtain a refuge
7 special use permit from this office.

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9 To give you some background perspective,
10 the Kodiak Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan, or CCP
11 (1987), and the Refuge Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (1990)
12 define action(s) necessary to evaluate any proposed fishery
13 management or enhancement activities on the refuge. In
14 general, fisheries rehabilitation is one of the goals of
15 the refuge, as it is directly related to the conservation
16 of natural fish populations and habitat in the refuge.
17 Fisheries enhancement is not a goal of the refuge since it
18 does not relate directly to the conservation of natural
19 populations. Consequently, fisheries rehabilitation is
20 considered more favorably by the Service than enhancement.

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22 Although fisheries enhancement is not a
23 refuge goal, the CCP does not preclude consideration of any
24 fisheries enhancement projects. The projects may be
25 allowed, but are subject to the provisions of the National
26 Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Under guidelines
27 stipulated by our CCP, and Environmental Assessment (EA)
28 would be the vehicle used to determine the project's
29 compatibility with refuge purposes. In order to complete
30 the EA, there would have to be a detailed project proposal
31 submitted to the refuge describing the capacity of the lake
32 to support stocking, the methods of stocking, the necessary
33 facilities needed to support the project and a management
34 plan outlining how the prosecution of subsistence fishery
35 will occur. The project proposal would be used in the EA
36 to evaluate all aspects of the project on refuge wildlife
37 and fisheries resources.

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39 As you are probably aware, there is
40 currently two such sockeye enhancement projects located on
41 the refuge. One is in Spiridon Lake on the west side and
42 the other one is on the Hidden Lake drainage on Afognak
43 Island. Both these projects have gone through extensive EA
44 and numerous modifications to some of the original project
45 proposals have been completed in order for them to remain
46 compatible with refuge purposes. We would be happy to
47 provide you with copies of the EA for these projects.

48
49 In summary, at this time the refuge has no
50 objection to the feasibility proposal and would provide any

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1 administrative assistance needed for you to conduct the
2 study. This support does not constitute an endorsement of
3 the project; that would only come through the procedures
4 outlined above.

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6 If you have any questions, please feel free
7 to contact Tony Chatto at any time. Sincerely, Michael
8 Getman, Refuge Manager.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Helga.
11 Does Council want to take action or just request for a
12 letter of support to Al's project? Consensus?

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14 MR. SQUARTSOFF: So moved.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: A motion was made by
17 Pete Squartsoff.

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19 MS. SHELLIKOFF: Second.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Second by Gilda
22 Shellikoff. Discussion? Question? All in favor signify
23 by saying aye.

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25 IN UNISON: Aye.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Opposed, same sign.

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29 (No opposing responses)

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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Al, you can smile now.
32 Thank you. You were looking pretty serious there. Okay,
33 we can continue.

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35 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair, that's all I had
36 on the third agenda item.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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40 MR. BUKLIS: Would you like me to move on,
41 then?

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43 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes, please.

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45 MR. BUKLIS: The fourth item is regional
46 fisheries issues and information needs. On that, we can go
47 to the booklet, Tab F, and go back a page or two, there's a
48 report summary statement and a form, a couple of pages back
49 from the tab there.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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3 MR. BUKLIS: If you come back a page or
4 two, you've got about a half page statement on the
5 information needs and then a form. And this is really a
6 very valuable opportunity for the Council, not necessarily
7 at this moment, but this area -- to really have a
8 significant role in shaping the kinds of preproposals that
9 come in and the degree to which preproposals that do come
10 in go forward or not. Checking off how well they match
11 with the Council's views, issues and information needs is a
12 key check off in the review process by the staff and by the
13 Technical Review Committee. So, Federal jurisdiction is
14 important, partnerships are important, whether a project is
15 budgeted properly and whether it can be done is important,
16 but whether a project is matching up against the Council's
17 views on what the issues are and what the information needs
18 are is a critical step as well. So, what this short
19 summary statement and form asks is for the Council, through
20 their Chair, to provide a sense of priorities on what the
21 issues are and what the information needs are in your
22 region.

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24 The goal is to collate those, bring those
25 together, into a little summary report and there was one
26 done last year, last spring. I think these were handed out
27 at various meetings, and you should have gotten them at the
28 Council meeting in February in Anchorage. I've got one
29 copy here. You can make copies if you don't have one in
30 your files. But, that's the kind of report that we want to
31 update and keep current. So this is sort of a standing
32 invitation, and yet it's going to come together this spring
33 in the form of an updated informational report. So, while
34 the door is always open to receive these kinds of input,
35 input received in the next few weeks, next month, would get
36 into the next revision, and that revision will be a
37 document we check current project proposals and future ones
38 against until it's revised again.

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40 Some regions are looking at more of a
41 planning process to be started when they start looking at
42 more of a long-range plan for their region. You know,
43 where are we going with these studies? How is it going to
44 all tie together in 10 years? People are concerned that
45 funding be spent in a way that gets us to some answers or
46 ties together with other activities, and some of those are
47 things you might want to think about as well. For now,
48 it's a sense of what are your priorities? But, as you
49 think about this, you may want to do a more focused
50 planning process, too. We as the staff can help you to

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1 work on that. So, those are the things I would bring out
2 under the priorities.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is there any
5 discussion, comments, for Larry in regard to this? And
6 what did you say the deadline on getting this to you was?

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8 MR. BUKLIS: Well, Madam Chair, the little
9 summary page implies that it would brought together and we
10 would actually deliver something to you at this meeting to
11 look at. But that's being slid back. So, my understanding
12 is that we are still trying to collect input.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.

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16 MR. BUKLIS: And, so, I would say the
17 sooner the better, but it's not something that's going to
18 get done in the time line that's suggested here. So, I
19 would say in coming weeks, if you could get some of your
20 ideas together and get them in to the coordinator there,
21 Rich Cannon, as the address suggests. This spring, he and
22 other staff members are pulling this together into a
23 revised draft report. So I would say in the coming several
24 weeks, that would be best.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We thought we did
27 this, but we'll get this to you.

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29 MR. BUKLIS: You may have. I don't know if
30 you provided input in the Council meeting in Anchorage in
31 February or not. Some Councils did provide some input, and
32 some didn't. And, even if you did, if you've got
33 additional ideas, I'm letting you know that it's not too
34 late to get those in.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. We'll take a
37 look at this as maybe the last item before we leave again
38 before we adjourn.

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40 MR. GUNDERSON: I think we did think about
41 it. It's those three proposals that we put in.

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43 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah.

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45 MR. GUNDERSON: And, yeah, I vaguely
46 remember something about a form like this, too. I thought
47 we had.....

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49 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I thought we had done
50 it, too, but we'll look at it again.

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1 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair, I would just say
2 to that the comment that the form and the instruction do
3 say specific, but it's not so much a preproposal project
4 title as it is an area of research that needs to be done on
5 monitoring. If you're concerned about a particular stock
6 of fish in a stream, that's pretty specific. But, if
7 you're concerned about monitoring salmon escapement in the
8 key index areas, that would be kind of a research area.
9 So, it can be as specific as a particular project you want
10 to see go forward, but it could be a little more general
11 like indexing salmon escapements in key systems or needing
12 to get more information on resident fish species besides
13 salmon. So, it can be broadened somewhat from specific
14 project ideas.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We may try to maybe
17 sit with you and work this and kind of make a list -- maybe
18 an Aleutian part and then a Kodiak part. And then, between
19 that, maybe we can look at what those are and just come up
20 -- you know, if we do get specific on that.

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22 MR. BUKLIS: Yeah, I'd be glad to work with
23 you.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Thank you.

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27 MR. GUNDERSON: And I noticed, looking down
28 this list, that the preproposal that Cratty showed up, but
29 I put one in for the Sapsuk River counting tower. I don't
30 see that on the list on here.

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32 MR. BUKLIS: There was a preproposal
33 submitted that you don't see listed? There was a
34 preproposal not listed that you think should be in?

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36 MR. GUNDERSON: Well, unless they moved it
37 to a different date. I don't see it listed here anywhere.
38 It was put together by myself and Jim Larsen from the
39 refuge out at King Salmon.

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41 MR. CRATTY, JR.: At the last meeting, in
42 Anchorage.

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44 MR. BUKLIS: Okay. That would be February
45 6th and 7th?

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47 MR. GUNDERSON: Uh-huh.

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49 MR. BUKLIS: And did you submit it? Did
50 Jim submit it?

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1 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah, before February 15th.

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3 MR. BUKLIS: Okay. Then it should be on
4 this list. I can check. Maybe during a break you can give
5 me the exact title, and we can talk about -- I can try to
6 track it down for you. It's possible that something was
7 submitted and didn't make this summary table that was
8 handed out, or is otherwise misplaced. But we can track it
9 down. If it was submitted on time, we can get it in.

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11 MR. GUNDERSON: Okay. I don't know if I've
12 got a copy in my packet of stuff over at the room, or I may
13 have left it in Anchorage. I'm not sure. But, we'll try
14 to locate it somewhere along the way.

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16 MR. BUKLIS: Yeah, I don't have to leave
17 here with a copy of it. As long as I have a real clear
18 listing of what the title should have been, I will track it
19 down.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: We can get the title
22 maybe, and can you check before we leave Old Harbor and
23 find out where that's at, so if it is in.....

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25 MR. BUKLIS: I can call back and see if
26 they can locate it on their end, yes.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And, Richard, did you
29 get yours done?

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31 MR. ZACHAROF: No.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You didn't. Okay.
34 Anything else? I guess we can move on. Thank you.

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36 MR. BUKLIS: Thank you.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: The next item is
39 in-season fisheries management delegation to field manager.
40 Is there a handout on this or just a report?

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42 MR. JENNINGS: Madam chair, the next two
43 items I will cover. The in-season fisheries management
44 delegation to field managers and statewide rural
45 determinations. For the record, my name is Tim Jennings
46 with the Office of Subsistence Management. Neither one of
47 these made it in your book. I just have a short briefing
48 for you on these two topics. These are for informational
49 items only. There's no action needed by the Council on
50 either of these.

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1 I'll begin with the in-season fisheries
2 management delegation to the field managers. This has to
3 do with the in-season management and decision making that
4 oftentimes occurs during the season. A lot of the
5 fisheries are managed by executive orders on the State side
6 and, in order to be proactive as well as timely and
7 responsive, the Federal board delegated some authorities
8 last year to some designated Federal officials around the
9 State to be able to make in-season management decisions.

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11 On February 26th, just a couple of weeks
12 ago, the Federal board expanded the delegation for in-
13 season management for 2002. Last year, the board delegated
14 time and area decision making to selected field unit
15 managers only. This year, managers will be able to make
16 decisions regarding gear types, permits and harvest and
17 possession limits. So, it's a much broader authority this
18 year that the Federal board has delegated to the in-season
19 managers. The intent is to provide Federal managers with
20 the same type and kind of authority as the State managers.
21 So, if the State issues an executive order and the Federal
22 manager believes that it requires a Federal action, then
23 this season the Federal manager will have the same kind of
24 response time and will be able to act quickly.

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26 Federal managers are expected to maintain
27 close communication with the board and local subsistence
28 users and Council members whenever an action is being
29 considered to assure the board that the ANILCA mandates are
30 being followed. The board is also concerned that
31 subsistence users and the Councils know that their
32 relationship is no one way diminished by this delegation.
33 If there is an action that's taken by an in-season manager
34 that anyone believes is inappropriate or that you feel is
35 necessary to challenge, there's still an opportunity for
36 you to do that through a special action process which would
37 go back through the Council to the board. It would then
38 gain the board's direct attention. So, that's in summary
39 the expanded delegation of in-season management.

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41 In terms of a perspective, around the State
42 last year by far the most in-season management decisions
43 that were made last year occurred on the Yukon River, and
44 then there was a couple of actions that took place on the
45 Kuskokwim River. There was an action in southeast Alaska,
46 and I think perhaps one in Prince William Sound area. Most
47 of the subsistence fisheries out in this area typically are
48 in State waters and marine waters or in State managed
49 waters, and so I don't know what to expect in terms of in-
50 season management decisions in this region. I don't expect

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1 them to be that many compared to these other parts of the
2 State. But the mechanisms are in place if there's a need
3 that arises. So, I'll stop there for this first topic and
4 see if there's any questions about the board's recent
5 delegation.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I'm lost a little bit
8 here.

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10 MR. JENNINGS: Okay.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Is this where we
13 appointed people to these various protocols, or -- okay.

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15 MR. JENNINGS: There are designated Federal
16 managers around the State. Jim Larsen, the FRO --
17 Fisheries Resource Office -- in King Salmon is an in-season
18 manager. The Kodiak Refuge manager is an in-season manager
19 for those regions. If anything comes up on Kodiak where
20 subsistence users believe there needs to be some in-season
21 changes in gear types, seasons, whatever, because run
22 strengths, for instance, are weak and for conservation
23 reasons perhaps there needs to be closure, then the board
24 has delegated that authority to a Federal official.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I remember now. I
27 read that material before I left.

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29 MR. JENNINGS: And that occurred
30 frequently, I think seven or eight times last year on the
31 Yukon because, as you all know, the Yukon River runs last
32 year were a disaster for both king and chum.

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34 MR. LUKIN: Tim, you said the Federal
35 managers will take their information from the Native
36 people, is that correct?

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38 MR. JENNINGS: The Federal managers
39 are.....

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41 MR. LUKIN: On the, excuse me, on the gear
42 types and different things you were talking about?

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44 MR. JENNINGS: When the Federal manager is
45 confronted with an in-season decision, the protocol they
46 follow indicates they're supposed to coordinate closely
47 with the Department of Fish and Game, local users, Council
48 members as appropriate and as time allows in order for them
49 to make a decision that's best for the resource and that
50 meets Title 8 of ANILCA mandate. Helga, do you have

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1 anything further to add on this?

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3 MS. EAKON: Well, I was going to say as far
4 as in-season management goes, the three Councils on the
5 Yukon River have it pretty much down to a science. They
6 have a coordination committee with two members from each
7 Council -- the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory
8 Council, the Western and Eastern Interior Regional Councils
9 -- keep a close eye on these emergency openings and
10 closures on the Yukon River. I just wanted to add that.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: And their process that
13 they have set up -- from my understanding, in talking to a
14 lot of the people from the various regions that
15 participated in their plan, thought it was quite successful
16 in summer. Are there any other comments or discussion?

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18 MR. JENNINGS: Okay, Madam Chair, I'll move
19 on to the statewide rural determination process. In our
20 regulations there's a requirement that says every 10 years
21 after the decennial census -- every ten-year census, we
22 just had a 2000 census -- that after the census information
23 is available that the Federal board will make rural, non-
24 rural determinations. So, in preparation for this 10-year
25 reevaluation of which communities are rural versus non-
26 rural, the Federal board last summer directed staff in our
27 office to contract with a third party to develop
28 methodology -- to look at the existing methodology that is
29 in place in regulation and, through this contract with a
30 third party, to make any recommendations as appropriate to
31 improve the rural, non-rural determination process.

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33 This contract is still under the
34 development stage. There's a statement of work that the
35 Federal board has approved in concept, and we anticipate
36 that there will be an advertisement in the next two to
37 three months, an invitation to bid by all interested
38 potential bidders. The expectation is that sometime this
39 summer a contract will be awarded and a draft methodology
40 will be reviewed, and we expect in about six months or so
41 after contract award that there would be a draft
42 methodology for review. The Regional Councils, all ten
43 Regional Advisory Councils, are participating in the
44 process and will have opportunities in the future when this
45 new, refined methodology is in draft form to review and
46 comment on those changes to the methodology; as well as
47 whenever the methodology is finalized and the rural, non-
48 rural determinations are proposed, the Councils will also
49 weigh in and provide recommendations on which communities
50 they would recommend as being rural or non-rural.

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1 The other items to mention in this process,
2 three of the ten Council chairs sit with the Federal board.
3 Those three chairs, as voted by the 10 chairs, are: Dan
4 O'Hara, Chair of Bristol Bay Council; Willie Goodwin, Chair
5 of the Northwest Arctic Council; and who's the third chair,
6 Helga? Is it.....

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8 MS. EAKON: It just recently changed.

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10 MR. JENNINGS: It's changed. It was Ron
11 Sam, and now it's Gerald Nikolai.....

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13 MS. EAKON: Yes.

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15 MR. JENNINGS:from Eastern Interior.
16 Anyway, all three chairs sit with the board on fisheries
17 implementation issues and now, also, on this statewide
18 rural process. The idea is to keep the Councils informed
19 through the three chairs every step of the way. So,
20 they'll be able to monitor the progress as we go or to
21 raise concerns or comments.

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23 In terms of what happens next from a
24 Council perspective, we expect it's probably going to be
25 next year, at the winter 2002 meeting, where Councils would
26 have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft
27 methodology. So we're still some time away from Council
28 input on the methodology. And then, following that, likely
29 it would be at the fall meeting of 2002 -- about a year and
30 a half away -- Councils would make recommendations
31 regarding proposed rural, non-rural determinations for the
32 communities in your region then, or statewide. So that's a
33 summary of what's happening with the statewide rural
34 determination process, and I'll stop and see if there's any
35 questions.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Tim, I know we
38 discussed in all the processes -- these included, and the
39 protocol process -- that once they come up with the draft
40 form that it doesn't go strictly to the Council chairs. It
41 will go to all the Council members with a time line to make
42 comments or review or recommend changes on it. Is that
43 correct?

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45 MR. JENNINGS: Yes, Madam Chair, that's
46 correct.

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48 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: You know, everybody
49 needs to keep your eyes on your mail once this process
50 starts. You will have deadlines on it.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Do the military count in
2 these areas for residents or on this determination?

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4 MR. JENNINGS: In terms of the census?

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6 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Like Kodiak, for example.
7 Uh-huh.

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9 MR. JENNINGS: The population census? I'm
10 not sure how it's counted. I'm not sure how the Census
11 Bureau does that, so I can't say. I don't know if anybody
12 else here knows if they include.....

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14 MS. PETRIVELLI: Well.....

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16 MR. JENNINGS: Pat's researched this more.
17 Pat, you want to come up to the mike? I know Pat's been
18 working on the Kenai rural reevaluation, and she has done a
19 lot of research on the Census Bureau population figures.
20 So, here's Pat.

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22 MS. PETRIVELLI: With the census, their
23 units of measure are the municipalities. That's one unit.
24 So, there's a Municipality of Kodiak and then there's
25 census designated places and I don't know if the Coast
26 Guard station is within the boundaries of the City of
27 Kodiak. But I don't think they are. I'm not sure.

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29 MR. STOVALL: They are not.

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31 MS. PETRIVELLI: They are not? So, if
32 they're outside the boundaries of the Municipality of
33 Kodiak -- and then, that's another thing that this
34 methodology is going to address, is the idea of aggregation
35 and how far, when you define the Kodiak area. The
36 Municipality of Kodiak has 6,800 people in it, but then we
37 you have the whole borough, and you subtract the villages,
38 in just rough numbers then you'd have 13,000 people and
39 they're all up along the road system. So, that changes the
40 numbers of how things are considered and evaluated. But,
41 we were having a great deal of difficulty in doing that
42 fairly, and what's perceived as fairness and of what's of
43 aggregating and non-aggregating, and this methodology
44 that's going to be developed by somebody else hopefully
45 will address those and then it will be reviewed by the
46 Councils, as to come to a fair way of grouping and non-
47 grouping things.

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49 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Because all these people
50 participate in the resource. I mean, that's why I'm

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1 concerned about it.

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3 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah, and there's certain
4 factors and criteria for grouping, lumping them together.
5 But then some people would say, well, the island's a very
6 big island. You know, I mean, it's all in the viewpoints
7 and somehow this methodology might accommodate all those
8 viewpoints. Thank you.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Any other questions?

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12 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Tim, when they do that,
13 like Pete was talking, when they do that will we have any
14 say-so over that, or.....

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16 MR. JENNINGS: Yes. Both in the
17 methodology.....

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19 MR. CRATTY, JR.:because they utilize
20 all of our game and fish on the island.

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22 MR. JENNINGS: The Council will have input
23 both on the methodology and on the proposed designations of
24 rural versus non-rural. One thing I didn't mention is that
25 currently, in regulation, there are population thresholds
26 in regulation whereby villages or communities that are
27 2,500 or less are presumed to be rural. Those communities
28 that are over 7,000 are presumed to be non-rural, unless
29 they can demonstrate characteristics of a significant rural
30 nature. In those communities between 2,500 and 7,000
31 there's not a presumption, and they're viewed on a case-by-
32 case basis.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: That's going to be a
35 big issue.

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37 MR. JENNINGS: Well, it's a big issue for
38 those communities that are over 2,500. For most of the
39 small communities statewide, I think the expectation is
40 quite clear. There will be no change expected. It's in
41 those middle ground, middle population communities like
42 Kodiak, like Kenai, where there's some concern from those
43 communities about which way they'll be determined.

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45 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: What is the issue on
46 Kenai? You know, at one point they were given, I don't
47 know if for a rural determination and then they went
48 through another process and they're not? What is that?

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50 MR. JENNINGS: The update on the Kenai is

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1 the Federal board, last May, made a decision that
2 determined the entire Kenai would be rural for purposes
3 under Title 8. There were two requests for reconsideration
4 of that board decision. The board accepted the request for
5 reconsideration and has directed staff to work on
6 subsequent analysis on the claims raised by the parties
7 that requested reconsideration, and the board recently
8 extended the time line whereby they're going to make their
9 final decision on the Kenai. They've committed to making a
10 final decision on the Kenai on the reconsideration no later
11 than June 30th. They hope to do it at their May board
12 meeting.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Who are the parties in
15 this?

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17 MR. JENNINGS: That requested
18 reconsideration?

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Uh-huh.

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22 MR. JENNINGS: Safari Club International
23 and a series of other groups -- Outdoor Coalition, that was
24 one group; and a second group was the Cooper Landing
25 Advisory Committee made a request.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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29 MR. GUNDERSON: I believe there's a number
30 of different determinations that's running around here,
31 that's floating around. I've seen a couple of different
32 explanations, I guess, for rural and non-rural. One of
33 them was if you're north and west of the Alaska range
34 you're rural, and there's actually been maps that's been
35 published. It drops Kodiak out, southeast, and I don't
36 know if anybody's ever come up with a set of rules yet or
37 exactly how this thing's going to read. So, this is
38 probably a good start.

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40 MR. JENNINGS: I haven't seen those maps.
41 Those aren't probably far off.

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43 MR. GUNDERSON: I've got one over there at
44 the room. I was looking at this earlier.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Maybe it's just being
47 looked at. Okay, any other discussion? Maybe we'll go
48 ahead and do travel voucher process and requirements and be
49 done for today.

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1 MS. EAKON: Okay, Madam Chair, members of
2 the Council, were you given this little piece of paper? It
3 says, Council Member Travel Reminders. It's dated February
4 15, 2001. Did you give this to them? Okay.

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6 Go over it real fast. Please coordinate
7 all of the your travel with Michelle, and on that piece of
8 paper we do have our toll free numbers and the travel
9 agency's toll free numbers and emergency number. Travel
10 advances are made for 80 percent of the maximum allowable
11 per diem rate. Vouchers, please do your vouchers. If we
12 don't get your vouchers, we won't know if you spent money
13 for cabs, which can be kind of spendy. If we don't get
14 those vouchers, the person who does travel vouchers is just
15 going to send on to Denver whatever she has available. I
16 guess the big message of the day is please do your travel
17 vouchers. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I know I've got one
20 comment in regard to travel, especially my little excursion
21 yesterday. Stop flying us around in the middle of the
22 night for one thing. Having to tow our suitcases all over
23 Kodiak wasn't fun, either, in a snowstorm. Al, did have a
24 comment in talking, also. There's a large group of us. It
25 may be worthwhile to just charter one plane into Kodiak
26 next time we do this. It was quite an ordeal just to get
27 us all here, I think. Does anybody else have any?

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29 MR. GUNDERSON: Yeah, I would like that to
30 be a Lear jet.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Do we want to go ahead
35 and just continue on tomorrow at this point?

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Why do we have to fill
38 those out when they have our reservations -- what we're
39 flying on and when and everything else?

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41 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Because, last time I rode
42 in on a boat. I got in a day earlier, paid my room -- when
43 I put my receipt in that voucher letting them know the
44 reason I went in on the boat was because of the weather.
45 But, I haven't got no refund back on my receipt on the
46 room. But it was in my voucher with the receipt of what I
47 paid for the room.

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49 MS. EAKON: Was that the last meeting?

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1 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Yeah.

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3 MS. EAKON: Okay. Michelle will follow up
4 on that. If you don't send your voucher back, then
5 telephone expenses, vehicle mileage, taxi costs, and other
6 expenses won't be reimbursed to you by Denver. In all
7 fairness.....

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9 MR. ZACHAROF: Vehicle mileage, are you
10 talking about mileage on my rental car?

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12 MS. EAKON: It's very important in the
13 southcentral region because most of the members drive their
14 own cars, and they mostly live in Anchorage. It mainly
15 applies to southcentral, I think, and to some extent, the
16 interior -- eastern.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Maybe talking about
19 this travel issue, too, I know this is just a tremendous
20 job trying to coordinate the travel for people on Councils
21 and staff traveling, but I'm hoping we can -- you know, I
22 know its somebody's responsibility to make sure our
23 coordinator knows that we are going to be attending a
24 meeting and trying to get that travel information to them,
25 arrangements, but it's been a little hard for me. I know
26 the last two or three trips, getting my itinerary a day
27 before I leave or something and trying to plan and schedule
28 things around that, it really -- then again, both parts, we
29 need to try to coordinate that better.

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31 MS. EAKON: I think Michelle will work
32 very, very closely with you because she did correct some
33 discrepancies for this meeting.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yeah. I find it
36 interesting, too, and I didn't catch it until I got up to
37 Anchorage is I fly to Cold Bay on Saturday, but I don't fly
38 to King Cove until Sunday.

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40 MR. ZACHAROF: On your per diem, is it like
41 80 percent of per diem, or -- you get 80 percent and they
42 hold 20 percent?

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44 MS. EAKON: Your travel advance that you
45 got is about 80 percent of the maximum allowable per diem
46 rate. So, your check in other words is just for 80 percent
47 of the total that you -- Denver's going to send you the
48 difference.

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50 MR. ZACHAROF: The other 20 percent?

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1 MS. EAKON: Yeah.

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3 MR. ZACHAROF: Okay.

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5 MR. SQUARTSOFF: We still have to get the
6 paperwork back.

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8 MS. EAKON: And you're going to talk to Al
9 about his problem about staying at.....

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11 MS. CHIVERS: Uh-huh.

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13 MS. EAKON: Okay. He's a real travel
14 problem, I should be more precise.

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16 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Me?

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18 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: He heard you trying to
19 whisper, Helga. Do we want to break for today, or does
20 anybody just want to go ahead and continue on?

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22 MR. CRATTY, JR.: Keep going.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Until 5:00? We
25 do have the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Izembek
26 National Wildlife Refuge, Rick Poetter, and he's not
27 available at this time. Did we determine if there was a
28 report that's going to be able to be given by anybody?
29 Item 8? Oh, I'm sorry, I missed 8 here.

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31 MR. CRATTY, JR.: You can skip it.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Skip it. Call for
34 2000 annual report issues.

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36 MS. EAKON: Okay. Right in front of you, I
37 made a copy of the board response to your last annual
38 report. It's dated August 28, 2000, and it was signed by
39 the board Chair, Mitch Demientieff. If you want to prepare
40 an annual report, you should bring out those any kind of
41 issue that you want included during this meeting before you
42 adjourn. Annual reports are effective for trying to
43 resolve issues that are outside of the scope of the
44 regulatory cycle for Fish and Wildlife. So, for example,
45 in your last report, you had nine issues. I don't know.
46 If you want to think about it and put this maybe toward the
47 end so you can think about what kind of issues you want to
48 bring out. Even if you do the topics, Michelle can flesh
49 it out. That's her job, is to get issues and why during
50 this meeting. When she goes back, she will draft a report

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1 that she sends to you Council members to make sure that it
2 captures what were your thoughts.

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4 Then it goes before the Staff Committee and
5 then, finally, to the board. When is it going to be? Late
6 July? Sometime in late -- maybe third week of July is the
7 annual report schedule this year. Looking at what the
8 board does, the board does take these reports very
9 seriously. They devote their own work sessions and go by
10 region by region by region. Those issues that they have
11 authority over they will discuss them. Those that are
12 outside the scope of their agency or the program, generally
13 they'll direct the staff to do a letter to whatever agency
14 handles that particular issue.

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16 My personal opinion is these reports are
17 important. The board does take them seriously. So, before
18 you adjourn tomorrow is the time to bring out those issues
19 that you want to include. And, even though it's not
20 mandatory, Title 8 of ANILCA does give you that opportunity
21 to do these reports.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Helga.
24 We'll get those items for you.

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26 MS. EAKON: Okay.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think we did mention
29 we don't have anything on Izembek. Was anybody able to
30 contact somebody at the Izembek to find out if they had
31 anything available or if someone would be available at all
32 to give a report? No? I'm wondering at this time maybe if
33 we could just go ahead and take from our bottom, what we
34 had down under other new business, which is the refuge
35 managers because that it is in regard to written reports,
36 to discuss that? Is that okay with the Council at this
37 time? Okay. We will just defer to what we had as 11B,
38 which is refuge managers that I had requested.

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40 The reason I'd wanted this on the agenda is
41 that it's six months between our meetings. It's two times
42 a year, and normally it's six months between meetings.
43 That's about what it averages out to. However, I know
44 there's times that the reports from the managers are in our
45 booklet, and then there's times they're handed out in our
46 meeting. And we were wondering, or not wondering, but we
47 would like to request, I think, at this time that those
48 reports be in this booklet, even if they're not finished or
49 completed -- what is transpiring or going on and being done
50 in the refuge systems. The reasoning for it is sometimes

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1 when we come to these meetings -- you know, six months, two
2 times a year -- that during those two meetings a year are
3 the times that we have to be thinking about what we want to
4 do, decisions we'd like, things we'd like to see done,
5 proposals and other issues, and it would sure help to have
6 these reports, or at least some idea or sense of what's
7 happening in the systems, prior to us coming to the
8 meeting. I don't know if it has to be in a motion form or
9 a request form. I know this has to be requested, but --
10 Tim?

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12 MR. JENNINGS: Madam Chair, Tim Jennings
13 with the Office of Subsistence Management. I was going to
14 offer that we could, if you want, you could direct staff to
15 prepare a letter for your signature to the two refuges
16 indicating the desires of the Council to have these written
17 reports in time to include in the booklets. So that would
18 be one possible option to consider in terms of follow up.
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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I guess my question,
21 Tim, was whether we should do it as a motion because I know
22 there's times we request things and sometimes we don't get
23 a good follow-through. Do we need to go to the point to
24 make a motion for a request?

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26 MR. JENNINGS: You can do a motion or you
27 can do a consensus of the Council, however you so desire.
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29 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: It's the consensus of
30 the Council?

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32 MR. GUNDERSON: That's good enough for me.
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34 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay.
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36 MR. JENNINGS: Helga, do you have a follow
37 up there?

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39 MS. EAKON: I just wanted to make a
40 comment. In my years of coordinating various councils, my
41 tactic would be way before the print date of the booklet I
42 would remind the conservation system unit -- whether it be
43 refuge or park service -- to say, look, these reports are
44 always used by the Regional Councils and they're very
45 helpful so that they don't have to try to absorb a lot of
46 data in one sitting. And then I would send another
47 reminder if I didn't get one within such -- I gave them a
48 deadline. I think it very doable for Michelle to develop
49 this relationship with the two refuges and get results for
50 you. Yes.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: I think maybe even
2 start giving them notice, you know, 45 then to 30 days.
3 You can always add to it when you come into the meetings
4 and report, and I know I've seen Robert's reports and he
5 does an excellent job. He's very detail oriented, and they
6 are really good to look at. I'm hoping we can get that
7 from Izembek and a little bit more -- you know, the status
8 of interest to me at this point is not only the various
9 species and the studies that are being conducted and done
10 in the process but, also where they are with the CCP's
11 process.

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13 Thank you.

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15 MR. JENNINGS: So, Madam Chair, would you
16 like staff to prepare a letter of follow up just to
17 emphasize the Council's desire to have those written
18 reports included in the books?

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20 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Yes.

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22 MR. JENNINGS: Okay. We'll do that.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Robert, you want to do
25 your report tomorrow, or about how long do you think.....

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27 MR. STOVALL: I'm going to have a short
28 report because, unfortunately, I wasn't able to produce
29 what you asked me.

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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. Go ahead and do
32 it now then.

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34 MR. STOVALL: I'm Robert Stovall with the
35 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, Madam Chair, members of
36 the Council. I've had a very busy three weeks, and I
37 haven't had a chance to prepare a written report like I try
38 to do each time to as a minimum hand out or include it in
39 the booklet. So, I'm just going to be brief and just
40 summarize some of the things or bring up some points that
41 the refuge has been doing since the last time we had a
42 chance to get together.

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44 Last time, we discussed what the deer
45 mortality was, and the browse survey reports. Those have
46 been completed now, and there was no surprises. Nothing
47 has changed from when we last spoke. The mortalities were
48 down very much last year and, also, the browse amount in
49 our transect areas was much lower than previous years.
50 Basically, that's based on the mere fact that there was a

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1 large die-off, and the weather became milder during the
2 latter part of the winter and the animals weren't
3 concentrated in their wintering areas as they normally
4 would be. That's all I really wanted to say on that. Like
5 I said, it's information we've already discussed. If you
6 have any questions, I'll take questions when I get done.

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8 The designated hunter permits, we had a
9 total of 25 permits this year, issued, and they have not
10 been fully input into the system, the results of how many
11 deer were taken, so I do not have anything to report for
12 that. That's not entirely my fault, from the standpoint
13 that reports that go in to the subsistence office are
14 usually summarized there and then we're able to get that
15 information. They haven't summarized that information yet.

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17 And that's the same thing with the elk. I
18 do know that 23 elk permits were issued this last hunting
19 season and, as far as I know, no elk were taken again. In
20 fact, I do believe only one elk was taken in the whole area
21 this year, compared to up to as many as 27 the first year
22 of the Federal subsistence elk permit three years ago.

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24 To date, we had one bear taken on the
25 Federal subsistence permit system in Larsen Bay, taken on
26 December 15th at the very end of the winter season. The
27 spring season will start again. Those four other hunters
28 who have gotten permits can use those permits during the
29 spring season, as they weren't successful during the
30 winter-fall season. I know of at least one person from Old
31 Harbor who is planning on doing that.

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33 This year, in conjunction with a survey
34 that was done in 1993, a follow-up survey of sea otters on
35 Kodiak Island Archipelago will be done this year. I'll be
36 the primary observer in these aerial surveys that will be
37 completed. That's going to start around mid June and
38 should take a couple of weeks to complete. The survey
39 style and technique is the same style and technique that
40 they used for the Aleutian Islands sea otter survey that
41 was recently completed last year, and it's part of trying
42 to get a complete picture to determine exactly whether the
43 sea otters in Kodiak have also had a dramatic decline in
44 the last seven years and, if not, whether they should be
45 grouped with the Aleutian sea otters or not. So, this is
46 part of an ongoing monitoring system that's been set up by
47 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Marine Mammal Office.

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49 This year we completed our February seabird
50 surveys. They didn't point out anything major from

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1 population levels. This is a seabird survey that's done on
2 the east side and west side of the island. It's a line
3 transect boat surveys, and the information they gather is
4 species and numbers. It's an inventory, and it's a
5 monitoring survey. Normally, the only thing that's
6 produced out of this has been summaries, and I do not have
7 those summaries. So, I will try to make those summaries
8 available for the report that will go into the fall booklet
9 if I can. All the summaries of surveys that I can put
10 together by that fall meeting, I will try and include in
11 the booklet in the refuge's report summaries or executive
12 summaries or abstracts of the surveys or studies that have
13 been completed on the refuge.

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15 This year, our intensive area bear search
16 surveys will be completed in the Aliulik Peninsula area.
17 They are usually scheduled for the mid May time frame to
18 start.

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20 The migratory bird subsistence harvest
21 surveys are on their third time period, which is this final
22 time period. I'm hoping to get the final survey sheets
23 from all of my village surveyors by the end of March or end
24 of April, and then I'll produce the report for that. I
25 have finalized last year's report and submitted that to the
26 Fish and Wildlife Service's migratory bird office, and they
27 have included those results in the meetings of the Alaska
28 Migratory Bird Co-management Council. That Council met
29 last week to actually put together regulations for the
30 first subsistence migratory bird harvest seasons for spring
31 and summertime and eggging -- egg taking. Herman Squartsoff
32 is your contact for that, working with KANA. I don't have
33 his telephone number or information, but I can get that and
34 include that in my report again. Herman is out of
35 Ouzinkie, Pete's brother. So, he's the contact that you
36 want to keep in touch with. If you have migratory bird
37 issues that you think should be addressed, he's the person
38 to go to with that information.

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40 My second year report, I hope to get it
41 done by -- if I get the information back -- hopefully by
42 the end of June. That would be my initial goal and, if
43 not, then whenever I can get the information and get the
44 survey results summarized.

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46 The last thing I wanted to touch briefly on
47 was our CCC process. As we restarted it, we're going to
48 have a series of public meeting workshops where we'll
49 discuss issues leading to an opportunity for the public to
50 go to a meeting where we'll discuss and put together draft

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1 alternatives. There will be information. Newsletters will
2 come out stating when these meetings will be. They'll
3 mostly be held in Kodiak. Refuge staff will all be there.
4 It will be a working meeting for the refuge staff with the
5 public, being able to be at the meetings and participate.
6 We're looking to try to get a draft CCP document out by
7 late fall to the public, and we are working in conjunction
8 with the bear management planning process. That includes
9 the Citizen's Advisory Committee. We're technical advisors
10 to that committee, and we'll take their recommendations and
11 be including those recommendations into our terms of
12 development and planning process for the CCP. Bill, do you
13 have anything you want to add about that?

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15 MR. PYLE: If I may, in regards to the
16 conservation planning process, we're looking at mechanisms
17 for involving the villages and one of those that's under
18 consideration is to fly some representatives to Kodiak for
19 that purpose. So I just wanted to add that. Additionally,
20 the bear management planning process is pretty intensive.
21 We're involved in every meeting, and we're looking at
22 incorporating the draft recommendations from that process
23 into the CCP. Jeff Peterson is the representative for the
24 villages, and there are, you know, a range of interests
25 that are represented in that process.

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27 MR. STOVALL: That's all I had for our
28 Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge report. And do, once
29 again, apologize for not being more prepared and having a
30 report for you folks, and I'll make sure to rectify that
31 the next meeting.

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33 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Thank you, Robert.
34 Are there any questions for Robert at this time?

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I do.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Pete?

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40 MR. SQUARTSOFF: The deer population on the
41 refuge, I am very concerned about. I always am. I think
42 they are pretty depleted in a lot of areas. I don't see
43 how we can still justify having five deer per person on the
44 refuge. I don't know if this is the time to do it or not,
45 but I'd like to propose an emergency order from this board
46 requesting that for the next hunting season that the bag
47 limit be reduced to three on refuge lands. I don't know
48 what Robert would have to say about it, you know.

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50 MR. STOVALL: Essentially, we don't have

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1 population information to determine what the population
2 level is, so all we have is anecdotal information that I
3 have gathered through the last nine years that looks at the
4 mortality that there has been, and for the last four years
5 --and this will be our fifth year -- of browse surveys that
6 we have completed. Also, we look at the hunter reports
7 that have come in through the field.

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9 I've gotten a range of hunter reports from
10 the field, from there are no deer out there at all to
11 there's deer everywhere. I get the reports every year.
12 They say mostly the same thing. Of course, we all know
13 that there was a die-off, and we don't know the extent of
14 that die-off. We can speculate. I'm also aware of the
15 mere fact that there has been a lot less harvest for the
16 last two years -- how much, it won't be known until the
17 State's reports come in from this last year's hunt. The
18 year before that it had dropped to half of what the average
19 is -- less than half of what the average is -- and it's
20 expected to do that again, or less.

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22 But, by the same token, we've had a very
23 mild winter this winter. Last winter was not mild in the
24 beginning but mild at the end, allowing for early green up
25 and recovery if there was going to be any. Looking at that
26 information, in my opinion -- and I'll just say it's my
27 opinion -- the deer population appears to be able to
28 rebound without any regulatory changes on the refuge. That
29 is my opinion.

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31 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Robert, I just
32 realized this because I kept thinking something from the
33 ADF&G in regard to the State, but there is a letter here
34 that I have and I don't know if anybody else has seen it.
35 We may need to make copies, but the State is asking -- I
36 think, the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee -- is
37 asking for support for there Proposal 187 and it does
38 basically address the deer population. I think that given
39 that through the whole course of our meetings we are open
40 for proposals we presented or put together, that maybe we
41 need to get copies of this Council members so that proposal
42 can be put together. And the other one was the caribou.
43 We have no information.

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45 Well, we do have copies. How many of you
46 do have copies of this letter? We might want to get a
47 proposal put together by tomorrow.

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49 MR. PYLE: Madam Chair, Bill Pyle, Kodiak
50 Refuge. We were looking at the same thing. I was going to

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1 call it to your attention. I was at the meeting and
2 something that -- well, why wasn't there proposal that came
3 up and was called to your attention earlier? It's in part
4 because the October Kodiak Advisory Committee meeting
5 didn't have an opportunity to meet on this subject
6 specifically as a subcommittee until November, and they
7 worked it out and submitted a proposal to the Board of Game
8 which they reviewed and I'm not sure how they acted on.

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10 And the, subsequently, at their last
11 meeting, they developed this specific request for your
12 attention to this and you can act accordingly.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: Okay. We'll add both
15 of those issues for tomorrow so we can get some proposals
16 put together this evening and have them ready tomorrow for
17 presentation. Does anybody else have anything for Robert
18 at this time?

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20 Robert, just for your information, Paul is
21 going to give us all a report on migratory birds. He
22 attended the meetings, too.

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24 MR. STOVALL: Oh, good.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN TRUMBLE: But, I also have
27 tomorrow for us to finish up and do: We've got these
28 proposals in regard to the deer maybe the guys want to get
29 together and work on tonight; letter of support for
30 Council, Al Cratty; if someone could maybe check on the
31 status of Paul's proposal, so we can also take action on
32 that in the Council if we need a letter of support also;
33 prioritize our list, and items for annual report. So,
34 that's basically besides finishing up what's left on the
35 agenda. Okay. Other than that, I guess we can break until
36 9:00 in the morning.

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38 (Off record)

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